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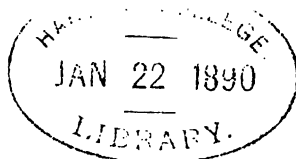
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uxor mea habeat tertia ptem hereditatę mee et volo qđ residuum here-

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Sir William Booth of Dunham Massey, by Maud, daughter of John Dutton of Dutton Esq. He married Katherine, daughter and heiress of Robert Montford of Bescote in Staffordshire. His father Sir William Booth, who died 16 Edward IV., gave lands for the providing of a chaplain to pray for him and his friends in a chapel to be built in Bowdon Church for that purpose, which was built accordingly. Sir William Booth, amongst other children, had Ellen, the wife of Sir John Legh of Baguley, and Ann, who married John Legh of Bothes Esq. The testator died 1 Richard III. 1483. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 401. This will is injured by damp, and the date is defective.

ditatē mee durānt nowne age filii mei conv̄tatur ad maritand filias
 meas Iſ q3 volo terra mea in Thorneton excepta dote et yēnē uxoris
 mee conv̄tat̄ ad solvend Georgio Holforde militi p̄ maritagio Marga-
 rete Holforde filie mee et post hoc ad remanendum uxori mee ad
 supportand honus filioꝝ et filiaꝝ meaꝝ Iſm volo q3 p̄dca terra de
 Falyngbrome durante nowne age Rogeri filii mei disponat̄ et pvi-
 diat̄ p̄ visū uxoris mee et hoc ad relevamē liberoꝝ meoꝝ Item volo
 ordino et constituo Katerinam uxore meā et Jacobū Hille rectorē
 ecclie de Northeden sup hac . . . voluntate mea ultia meos veros et
 legitimos exsecutores ut ip̄i put eis meliur̄ videat̄ expedir̄ disponat̄
 p̄ salute aie mee Insup ad supvidend omia et singta p̄dicta p̄ p̄fat̄
 exsecutores bñ et fidelit̄ esse adimpleta huius volūtātē mee ultime
 constituo magistrū Robt̄ Bothe decanū Eboraci supervisorē p̄ singulari
 confidēcia quā penes ip̄m habeo insup eidem h̄milit̄ subplicans ad
 laborand dño p̄ncipi p̄ nowne age Wiffi filii mei Iſm volo q3 arre-
 ragiū sive debitū q3 Johes Legh de Bagheley mihi debuit conv̄tat̄ ad
 disponē debita mea Iſm lego et volo q3 Anna soror mea habeat unā
 filiaꝝ suaz ad disponē propriam et alteram filiaꝝ p̄dict̄ ad disponē
 uxore mee Et huic voluntati mee ultie die et anno p̄dict̄ sigillū
 apposui Iſm lego et volo p̄ hāc meā volūtātē q3 Anna Legh soror
 mea sit in se libera ab omī accōne iur̄ penes me et exsecutores meos
 nulla obligacōne carta aut indentura p̄ eand mihi facta et sigillata
 contradicente Item volo q3 Henricus Tappyng hēat hoc in feodo q3
 de me hūit in vita mea durante nowne age Wiffi filii mei.

THE WILL OF JOHN DYE, CLERK, RECTOR
OF TILSTON.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of May an^o Dñi 1573
I S^r John Dye clarke and p^{er}son of Tylston within.....of Chester
beynge in good health and of whole and p^{er}fect remembraunce laud
and praisse be to almighty God I kno there is nothinge more
sure then death and the tyme thereof so uncertayne that every good
Christian ought to p^{re}pare hym... may be readye w^{it} meke
hart to relinquishe this transsitorye liffe at such tyme as it shall
please God to call hym to his me..... ordayne this my p^{re}s^{ent}
testament concernynge herein my last wyll in manner and forme
folowyng That is to say fir..... unto God my maker desyringe
hym of forgennes of my synnes puttyng my whole trust and con-
fidence in him th..... be the merites of the blessed death and
passion of his onely sonne Jesus Christ and that I shalbe washed
from the synne be the effution of his bloude and thereby
to obtayne the lyffe p^{er}petuall And I geve this my mortall the
yearth from whence it came I^{tem} I geve and bequeth towards the
reparation of the church of Tylston vj^s viij^d reparinge
of the greate stone bridge at Tylston fordes vj^s viij^d the which I
wyll that my executours hereafter named bestowyng
of the sayd money I^{tem} unto xx^{ti}^e poore folkes w^{it}in the pishe of
Tylston to every one of I^{tem} to xx^{ti}^e poore folkes w^{it}in the
pishe of Malpas to every one of them iiij^d I^{tem} I geve &c..... every

¹ Proved 6th June 1573. John Die was instituted to the rectory of Tilston 8th August 1558, on the nomination of Thomas Butler, chaplain, and others, patrons by assignment of William Brereton. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 382.

god chyld that I have to every one of them xij^d Iſm unto my brother Wyſm Dye unto my brother Thomas Dye to my ſiſter Johan to my ſiſter Elnoure and to my ſiſter Katheren to every one of them one ſilver ſpone Iſm unto Margaret Probyn Jane Probyn John Enſworth and Elyzabeth Dye daughter to my brother Thomas Dye to every one of them a ſilver ſpone Iſm unto my brother Wiſm Dye (my Lord Byſhopp beynge ſerved) my beſt horſſe or mare that I ſhall chance to have at my death Iſm unto my brother Thomas Dye the beſt cowe that I ſhall chance to have at the tyme of my death Iſm unto my ſiſter Johan Edge all my tackes that I have by leaſe for termes and yeres yet to com contened in the ſame leaſes Iſm unto my ſiſter Johan Edge my cupbourd that ſtandeth in the hall my joyned bede that ſtandeth above in my chamber w^t the curtens belongynge to the ſame two coverletes that is to ſay one of the beſt of my coverlettes and another of the ſecond ſorte my beſt peare of blanket^e the carpet clouth that is for the hall bourd one of the beſt of my cofers two of the beſt of my chargers two potenchers two ſawcers and all tryen lomes within the houſſe and alſo all the pented clouthes that are within my houſſe except the paynted clouth that hangeth the bench in the hall the which I wyll ſhall remeane there ſtyle one buſhell of wheat one buſhell of rye one buſhell of barley two buſhell of ottes two buſhell of malt the one halfe of my ſwyne, all geſſe hennes and capons that are about the houſſe Iſm unto my ſiſter Elnoure my ſecond beſt cofore Iſm unto my ſiſter Katheren my beſt brasse pote and one coverlet of blacke and yelow^e Iſm unto my coſyn Elyn Kettle my brasse panne that I dyd bye of Raffe Huxley and two chargers Iſm unto Margaret Probyn my joyned beed that I uſſe to lye one the teſter w^t the curtens belonging to the ſame the fether beed two coverlet^e one bolſtere one pylow a payre of flaxen ſhetes and a payre of canvas ſhetes my great brasse panne the great brendret two of the beſt of my chargers two potenchers and two ſaucers Iſm unto Jane Probyn my joyned beed

that standeth in the parlar the tester with the curtyng belongynge to the same the fether beed one bolster one pylow one of the best of my coverlet and another of blake and whit my best payre of flaxen shetes and a pare of canvas shetes the carpet that I bought of Edward Carden my two great chandlers my new chafen dishe my chafern my pewter quart pote two of my best chargers two potenchers two saucers the mortar and pestle the fyre shovell the tonges the drypynge panne the great broche and the brasse pott that I have in pledge of Richard Bowker untill suche tyme that he pay unto her x^s I^m unto Johan Dye one materas one bolster one coverlet a payre of canvas shetes and a bushell of barlye I^m unto my brother Wi^m Dye my best doblot I^m unto my sister Johan Edge all my lynen clouthes and napery ware except such as I have bequethed alreadye I^m unto Thomas Countrie xx^s I^m unto my sister Margery x^s and to her daughter Johan iij^s iiij^d I^m unto John Ensworth towards the keypyng of hym to the schole xx^s I^m unto S^r Robert Downes x^s To S^r John Dale vj^s viij^d To Margerye my servant meaden vj^s viij^d To John Seare of Tylston grene xij^d I^m unto my cosyn Randle Probyn my two sawes my new axe my new hachet my nase my byll and all my no..... I^m unto my godson John Kettle all my shepe that I have with Richard Downat except two which I geve &c. unto the two yonger daughters of the said Richard Downat to be apoynted them at the discretion of my executours And also I wyll that after my debtes be payd my funerall expenses and legacies discharged that all the resydue of my goods and cattels moveable and unmoveable shalbe devided into two equall partes The one halfe I geve &c. unto Randle Probyn Margaret Probyn and Jane Probyn to be equallye devided amongst them three And the other halfe I wyll that it shalbe devided into three equall partes one part unto my sister Katherins children And a nother part unto my brother Thomas Dyes children and the third parte to Richard Dyes children to be equallye devided amongst them I^m I

wyll that my executours shall receve all my debtes toward the discharge of my wyll except such as I have forgiven by my boke of debtes which boke is subscribed with my owne hand Iſm unto the rest of my sister Margery Nockes chyldren to every one of them xij^d Iſm I do ordayne and make my lawfull executours of this my last wyll and testament my welbeloved brother Wyſſm Dye my brother in law Richard Probyn my cosyn Randle Probyn and my sister Johan Edge desyrynge them to discharge this my last wyll and testament as they wyll answere me at the dreadfull day of judgment provided alwayes it is my full wyll and mynd that if it fortune my sayd sister Johan Edge to marye at any tyme after the date hereafter that then I wyll that she shalbe no executoure of myne nor shall in no wyse meddle with the administration of any of my goodes And I do make overseers of the same M^r Gorge Brerton of Ashelye esq^{uier} and S^r John Barlow clarke and pson of Malpas desyrynge them to se this my wyll accomplished and fulfilled acordynge unto the true intent and meanyng of the same as my especyall trust is in them In wytnesse whereof I have put to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above wryten by me S^r John Dye Wyttenesse S^r John Barlow C. S^r Robert Downes C. w^t others.

THE WILL OF MARGARET HAWARDEN OF CHESTER.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen I Margaret Hawarden hole of mynde and body seyng pell nyghe and deth uncerten make my testament

¹ Proved January 17th 1520-21. Margaret Hawarden was the daughter of John Warren of Poynton Esq. by Isabel, daughter of Sir John Stanley Knt., and married John Arderne of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 343.

in manⁿ and forme that folowth In the first I beqweth my soule to God almyrti to o^r Lady Saynt Mary Saynt Olave and to all sayntes in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the church of o^r Lady of the Qwite frerys on the northside in the tombe Item I beqweth to the makynge of the tombe and repa^con of the said church iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d and my fornes of ledde at the o^vsight of the prior and myne executo^rs the prior of the said place and his brethern to kepe myne obete days and to pray for me and thos that I am bounden to pray for Item I gif to George Palm^o prior of the said White Frerys to pray for me x^s Item to frere John Wodwarde iiij^s iiij^d Item to the repa^con of the church of the Gray Frerys vj^s viij^d and a little vessell of ledde at the o^vsigt of the warden and myne executo^rs Item to the repa^con of the churche of the Blak Frerys vj^s viij^d and my broken ledde in peses and gobbett^e at the o^vsight of the prior and myne executo^rs Item to the makinge of the closter in the nonry in the citie of Chester x^{li} my lady prio^res and her systers to kepe my obet days and to pray for my soule and thos which I am bounden to pray for Item unto Dame Margery Pasm^ych prio^res of the said nonrye thos kye which be in my hays that I holde of her except ij kye on I gif to Dame Kateryn Tatton and the other koe to Dame Margery Byrkeh^ed to pray for me Item unto the said lady prio^res a coofer for the use of her house which I bought of S^r Otnel Hoghton Item to Dame Jane Adderton subprio^res my new paynted coffer Item to Dame fflorens vj^s viij^d And this is my will y^t S^r Henry Devyas pray and say masse x yeres after my decesse for my soule my husband^e soule for the soules of my father and mother John Waren and Isabell his wif for the soules of S^r John Waren S^r Henry Waren sometyme psons of Stokport for the soule of S^r Otnell Hoghton my frendez soules and all Cristen soules And to have to his wagez for his labor v^{li} evy yere and to synge at the White Frerys or at Saynt Olaves church as he think^e most accordinge for the tyme And if the said S^r Henry dye or the said x yeres be fully endet then I will that a

nother prist well disposed be taken w^t myne executo^rs and my o^v-
seers in to the serves to pray for me and thos before named and to
have to his wage for his labo^r iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d a yere as longe as the
money will endure The wage of the said p^rst to be paide by the
handes of the priores of the cōvent of the said nonry of the citie of
Chestre or by her assignes I^fm I beqweth to the coost^re of my buryng
and for all thinge necessary therto ptenynge xx^{ti} mark^e and what
leves of the said to be disposed at the o^vsight of myne executo^rs and
o^vseers I^fm unto the pish church of Saynt Olave a small flaxen
shete ij towelle of twill for the sepultur in tyme of Ester a borde
cloth of twill to be a alter cloth to the hye alter a chalet a vestment
ij albes a masse boke to the use of my p^rste duringe the saide
yeres then the p^rste to dely^v the forsaid al^t cloth chalet ij albes
the masse boke to the reves of the said pish for to serve God
Saynt Olave and all sayntes therw^t as longe as they may last the
pish priste and the pishons to pray for me and thos which I am
bounden to pray for I^fm I gif a borde cloth of twill to be a alter
cloth for the alter of Saynt Anne in the collage church of Saynt
Johns Item a bordecloth of twill for to be a alter cloth to the hye
alter in the pish church of Saynt Brides Item a bordecloth of flaxen
to be a alter cloth in the pish church of Saynt Marten I^fm to the
makynge of the steple of the collage church of Saynt Johns xl^d I^fm
to the repa^cōn and mendynge of Trafforde brigge xij^s iiij^d Item I
gif to my son Thomas Hawardyn my best fetherbed my best bolster
the hengynge in the pler the cupborde the conterborde in the hall
the hengynge a bowte the hall a cupborde a screne a gret chere w^t
the bordes and formes in the hall a white flatt pese of sil^v w^t the
cov^{er} Item to my doght^r Elizabeth his wif a golde ringe set w^t images
and my blak cofer I^fm to Thomas Hawardyn my godson my little
goblet of sil^v Item to my cosyn Laurans Waren my gilde cuppe
w^t the cov^{er} his owen armes op^{on} the cov^{er} to be a heire lome to his
heires after hym as longe as it will last Item to my cosyn John

Fitton a hope rynge of golde Item to my cosyn Ellyn his wif a little ringe of gold w^t a ruby therin I^m to my cosyn Katyn Grosvenor my best bed hillinge of tapstre werke and my best beede And after her deth the bed hillinge to my cosyn Ric^d her son I^m to the saide Ric^d a golde rynge that was my husbande And to my cosyn his wif my pillyn w^t the best hillinge of wolsted I^m to my cosyn Elizabeth Goodman my tippet of sarsnet Item to my cosyn Mowde Tatton a casket w^t a little cofer wⁱⁿ it and all the perles on my best girdill Item to my cosyn Isabell Ardern my blake gowne furred w^t graye a carpet qwesion w^t a blew bride opon it Item to my cosyn Elizabeth Bunbury my best girdill of velvet Item to my cosyn Elizabeth Hurlton late the wif of Hugh Hurlton my casse of blak velvet and y^e best kerchaf in my casket Item to my cosyn Alis Byrkhed late the wif of Adam Byrkehed my tawny gowne furred w^t blake hank [?] a qwesion of carpet werke w^t a gentilwoman theron Item to Margaret Tochet my god dor^t a little harnes of a girdill sil^v and gilde I^m to my cosyn S^r Randulph Fitton ij my best salt^e sil^v and gilde w^t on cov^t Item to my cosyn S^r Henry Hawardyn my little salte sil^v and gilde Item to my cosyn Agnes Bomville my weddyng ringe my best hodde and frontlet a demyse girdle the corse of golde my kyrtil of wolsted my tawny gowne revsed w^t blake velvet Item to my cosyn Isabell Hulme my secunde fetherbed a bols^t ij blankette ij cov^tlette w^t the hengyng ov^t her hed there she lyes and after her deth to Margaret Aldersey Item to the said Isabell Hulme vj qwysions of tapstre werke my best smok a longe pilloe a water chafer a maslen bason aft^r her deth to Jane Bomville Item to Margaret Aldersey iij of my best pilloes a chaundelor y^t hengith in the pler w^t vj flowres a payre of small shet^e of flaxen cloth vj napkyns of twill vj of my best carpet qwesions my best cown^t cloth my gret brasse pot on of my rende peses of sil^v my new pewter dishes iij petell pott^e iij quarte pott^e a bason an ewer of pewter my andyrans in y^e pler y^t S^r William Bartlet gave to me a longe

paynted cofer in my cosyn Mowd^e chamber and my ertbyn dishes and glasses and other little thingez what they be in the studye house and my gret brendret I^m to Hugh Aldersey my standinge cuppe of silv^r and the cov^r w^t a brydde on y^e cov^r I^m to my cosyn Thomas Bomville my gret brasse panne my secūde brasse pott ij cov^rlett^e ij pilloes ij voyders of pewter all my iron broches gawbart^e a ch^yney of yren late made my gilde notte w^t the cov^r gilde a bride on the cov^r all my treen vessels Item to Thomas Hoghton my tee y^t was my husband^e and xx^s I^m to Elizabeth his wif a Saynt John hed a pese of silv^r that she hath in her kepyng^e ij new carpet qwesions a maslyn basen a newer to the same a little ringe of golde y^t was my mothers Item to my goddough^t Merget Hoghton x^s iij chaundlers a ronde panpot w^t iij fete a towell of flaxen cloth iij q^rters brode ij of my olde carpet qwesions the grounde yewlowe I^f to Ellyn Hoghton doghter of the said Thomas ij qwesions of carpet y^e ground yelow I^m to my sister Ellyn Hawardyn a carpet qwesion w^t a hert theron I^f to my cosyn Merget Wryne vij^s and a cofer corven at my beddys hedde in y^e pler I^m to my cosyn Robt Rokley vj^s viij^d I^m to y^e wyddoes of Saynt Johns w^tout the northgate xl^d I^m to the poore mē and womē of Saynt Ursula xl^d I^m to S^r James p^rst of Saynt Ursula vj^s viij^d a flockbed and a bolster I^m to S^r Peris Wyrvyne vj^s viij^d Item to Agnes Wyrvyne my eldest gowne rev^sit w^t velvet a smok and xl^d I^m to Jonet Ellyn and Mawde doghters of Ri^c Ledsam ichon of theym a kerchaf of myne I^m to Agnes Manley late the wif of Ri^c Manley xl^d ij cov^rlett^e a paire of ronde flaxen shet^e my secūde blake gowne rev^set w^t velvet a mātill a little broch of iryn a new cāvas towell iij q^rters browde a canvas bordecloth I^m to Nicholas Devias a grene cov^rlet Item to Agnes Dugdale ij cov^rlett^e a smoke a mattras ij canvas shet^e a new cāvas towell iij q^rters brode if she be my ser^vnt when I dye I^m to Ric^d Tyrrell vij^s I^m Jonet Tyrrell doghter of the said Ric^d vij^s and a brasse pott of iij or iiij gallons I^m to Esabell my s^vnt ij cov^rlett^e a matras ij cāvas shet^e if she be

my ſvnt when I dye Iſm to Margaret Mores doghter of Katyn Mores to her mariage a matras vj^s viij^d Iſm to S^r James Johnson stuart of the nonry of Chester vj^s viij^d Iſm to S^r John Davenport vj^s viij^d Iſm to S^r Henry Bullinge vj^s viij^d Iſm to S^r Thomas Pynchware iij^s iiij^d Iſm to Margaret Aldersey my flax and toe not sponn to her owen vantage and my yarne y^t is sponne to dyght it and make in cloth to be dalte to poore mē and womē where nede is at the ovsyght of Hugh Aldersey her husband and S^r Henry Devias Iſm to Henry Fox xl^d Iſm to S^r Thomas Bowker xx^d Iſm to the cōvent of the nonry of Chest^l to pray for me xx^s to be devidet to theyme Iſm to Cisle Tailior late wif to John Tailior stuart of the nonry xl^d Iſm to Agnes Pole y^t was my ſvnt my gret cawdrne [caldron] of brasse a payre of ronde flaxen shetç ij covlettç a matras Iſm to my godson Thomas Grosvenor son to Riç Grosvenor to by hym a som^o nagge xl^s Iſm to the repaçon of the church of Saynt Petur vj^s viij^d Iſm I will that my wodde and colez be dalte and devidet among the pore people as there nede is Iſm if any legasy gyven to any pson or psons be worne or other ways disposed I will y^t legasy be voide Iſm my olde pewter dishes to be dalte betwix Agnes Pole and Agnes Dugdale if the said Agnes be my ſvnt And if any of the forsaide dye or ellys be maryed or I depte or els out of the cōtrei then I will that theire legasies be disposed to the mariage of pore maydens at the ovsyght of myn executo^rs and ovsers as can be thought most remedy for my soule Iſm to the ij doghters of Edward Bothūmes not married to aither of theym to there mariage xl^s Iſm to George Fitton to the mariage of his doghters xxvj^s viij^d Iſm to the chapell of Sydynton vj^s viij^d at the ovsight of S^r Randolph Fitton pson of Gawsewarth as he thinkç nedefull Iſm to the doght^r of Margery Waren to her mariage xx^s Iſm to frere Wiſſm Dave dwellinge at the Blak Freres in London x^s Iſm to by an albe and y^e mēdyng of the chailes xx^s Iſm to Alis Spencer to her mariage vj^s viij^d Iſm to Agnes Pole and Agnes Dugdale to aither of theyme vj^s

viiij^d Iſm Randulph Bomvile to goe forward w^t hym xl^s Iſt to Edward Bomvile xiiij^s iiij^d The residew of my goodes to be disposed to mariage of pore maydyns at the o^vsight of myne executo^rs and o^vseers And this my testament well and truly to be fulfilled I orden and make S^r Randulph Fitton pson of Gawsewurth S^r James John-son^r late stuart of the nonnes Hugh Aldersey S^r James Ric^dson [Richardson] pst of Saynt Ursula chapell and S^r Henry Devias myne executo^rs my lady Dame Margery Pasmych prio^res of the nonry my cosyn Ric^d Grosvenor of Eton my son Thomas Hawardyn aldermā of Chest^r Thomas Bomvile o^vseers Wittnes S^r Petur Wyr-vyne pste Mode Tatton Isabell Hulme and Margaret Aldersey Written the iiijth day of Decembre in the yere of o^r Lord mcccccx.

THE WILL OF SIR HENRY TURTON FELLOW OF
THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF MANCHESTER.¹

IN y^e name of Gode Amen M^{dum} y^e yere of ow^r Lorde Gode a thousand v hundrethe xxxiiij y^e secūde day of Maye I S^r Henry Turton chaplen and felow in y^e college of ow^r Lady in Mamchest^r beyng in reght mynd and pfyte memorye make my wyll and testament in yis man^r of wyse foloyng Fyrst I beqwythe my sawle to Almyghty Gode to ow^r lady Saynt Mary and to all y^e holy cūpany in hevyn and my body to be beryed before Saynte Mychaell^e awlter in y^e chyrche of Māchest^r thorow y^e lycence of my M^r y^e warden of y^e sayde college Also I beqwethe for my dyrg^e and masse done y^e day of my sepulture In p^rmis to my M^r xvjd Iſm to e^vy felow of the sayde college viij^d Iſm to e^vy diacon iiij^d and to e^vy chorist^r ij^d Iſm to y^e pyche clark^e for y^e obete and ryngyng x^d

¹ No date of probate.

Iſm to y^e belman ij^d Iſm to poore pepyll v^e also I beqwethe to y^e ¹ of Mamchest^r all my pryksonge bookis of masse antem^e and sqwar^e Iſm I beqwethe to my M^r ij booke or volumes of Origen^e wark^e omeles² for his lyfe and aft^r hym to remayne in y^e library aforesayd Iſm I beqwethe to S^r John Bexwyke ij payre of spectacles w^t y^r cassis to S^r Jamis Grene a lytyll booke callyd Evagatoriū Iſm to S^r John Berket a booke callyd Auriū Opus Iſm to S^r John Ademson a lytyll booke callyd P^rcordiale Devotoz w^t other wark^e in y^e same Iſm to S^r John Key a booke callyd Forma v^oboz w^t other devote warkes in y^e same Iſm I beqwethe to S^r John Coppage y^e New Testament of Erasmus transla^on and Elucidaciones in Epistola Pauli Iſm I beqwethe my rydyng knyffe to S^r John Awdley vycare at Lychfeld Iſm I beqwethe to S^r Ri^{ch} Bradshaw a booke callyd Lowdolf^e de Vita Xⁱ also I gyffe my pr^ytyd masse booke to Sencte Mychaell^e aw^t p^rce vj^s and a pax brede p^rce ix Also I beqwethe a new ymnall to y^e use of qwer for y^e p^rsentor to occupy And all thes booke at thes men^e deptyng afor namyd from y^e college or when Gode schall call them I wyll thay schall remayn to y^e college to be dystribut to y^e felows of y^e sayd colleg by y^e hand^e of y^e M^r frome tyme to tyme for to edify themselfe in vertwe Also I gyve to S^r John Bexwyk a lytyll booke callyd Cōstitu^oōēs P^rvincial^e Also I gyve to S^r John Ademson a p^rntyd musyke boke and to S^r John Coppage a corinall [?] Also I wyll y^t my ij portews be gyvyn to sume poore pryst new mayde to pray for me And all y^e rest of good^e I gyve to my ij systers M^ogret and Amye and thay to be my full executors and S^r Ri^{ch} Bradshaw and S^r John Coppage to be o^vsears of yis my wyll and for y^r payne truly down to have yeh^e of them iij^s iiij^d and I wyll y^t my systers aforesayd cawse my twel-mōthe mynd to be done of y^e good^e y^t I leve thame aft^r y^e forme y^t S^r Rauffe Modys was down.

¹ College ?² [And] Homilies ?

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLT OF STUBLEY ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The xviiijth daye of Decembre in the yere of oure Lord God m ccccc liij and in the ffyrste and secounde yeres of the reignes of oure sovayrygne lord and lady Phyllippe and Mary &c. I Robert Holt of Stublaye in the countye of Lan^c esquier sycke in body nottw^tstandyng in pfecte mynde and holle of memory thankes be to God therfore consyderynge the mysarable estate of mā the daye and howre of deathe to be uncerten do orden and make this my p^rsent testamente conteynyng herein my laste wyll in māⁿ and forme folowyng ffyrste and pryncypally I gyve and hollye bequethe my sole to the eternall lyvyng God the only maker and redemer of mankynde and my body to be buryed in the chauncell in the parysshe churche of Rachedale nere wheare my father was buryed that ys to saye my fete to lye nere wheare as the head of my wyffe lyethe in as shorte a tyme as any honeste pvysyon can be convenyentlye made for my entyrement The expenses costes and charges towchyng my said entyrement to be levyed of my goodē by the descresyon of myne executor hereaft^r to be named I^tm to Elizabeth Holt xl^s to be payed at suche tyme as she shall goe frome my nephu Robert Holt or be maryed I^f to S^r Robert Turnagh preiste xl^{os} to be payed unto hym in thre yeres I^tm to Thomas Goreld xx^{os} I^tm to Ale^x Brydge xx^{os} and the colte whyche I had of

¹ His post mortem inquisition was taken 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, and his nephew and heir was Robert, son of William Holt Gent. by his wife Alice, daughter of Sir John Savile of Newhall in the county of York Knt. and of the age of fifty years. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. p. 118. According to Glover's Visitation in 1667, his daughter, Margaret Holt, married John Mirfield of Tong Hall in the county of York Esq. "liv. 8 Edw. IV." (which date must be erroneous.) He bought abbey lands, rebuilt his house of Stubley, conformed to the Reformation, promoted its extension in the parish of Rochdale, and was an influential Justice of the Peace.

hym whyche was of his mare Iſm to Edmund Mylne xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Iſm to Rychard Holt xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Iſm to Roger Holt xiiij^s iiij^d to be payed in ij yeares Iſm to my nece Jane y^e wyffe of Edward Buttworth¹ one heffer Iſm to my cosyn Robert Buttworth one gowne lyned w^t damaske Iſm to Rychard Holt a saten dublett Iſm to Edmund Mylne a saye dowblett If to John Copp a kelter coote Iſm wheare as y^e said Rychard Holt haith a lease of y^e graⁿnte of me and my said nephu of one certen tenement called Breers Depelaychehyll now in the holdyng of Edward Brerelye yt ys my wyll yf the said Edward be so cōtēted that y^e said Rychard Holt shall haue and occupy y^e one halff of y^e said teñet duryng so many yeres as the said Edward haith yet to expyre And then after that y^e said Edward and Isabell his wyffe to haue and occupye y^e halffe of y^e said tenemente duryng so many yeres w^tin the lease of y^e said Rychard as the said Rič shall occupye w^t in theyr lease yf eyther y^e sayd Edward or Isabell shall so lonnge lyve And yf y^e said Edward wyll not thus be contented then yt ys my wyll that yf y^e said Edward or Isabell haue cōmytted or hereafter shall commytt any acte or act^e wherby y^e said tenemente or any pcell therof shalbe forfeited eyther by fall-ynge of woodd^e or lettyng downe of howses or any other wayes that then and immediatlye evy suche forfeiture shall growe and come to y^e use pfyte and behove of y^e said Rychard Holt And then he forthew^t to entre upon the same and yt to occupye accordyng to the effecte of his lease And yf no forfeiture be made then the said Rychard to entre upon y^e holle tenemente immedyatly aft^r y^e determyna^cōn of the said his lease Iſm to my said nephu Robert Holt y^e warde and maryage of Emme Goye now beyng my ward w^t all suche leases and tack^e of ground^e and tythes of corne or any other whatsoev^r they be as I have of any pson or psons Iſm to James Holt iiij^{os} iiij^d Iſm to Edward Wardell iiij^{os} iiij^d Iſm yt ys my wyll

¹ Of Belfield.

that all suche dett^e as I do owe aswell those that I haue not sett uppon my wyll yf any suche can be duly pved as those y^t I haue caused to be wrytte herin shalbe truly payed unto who so evⁿ I do owe any I^fm I wyll that iij of my gretteste brasse pott^e ij garnyshe of pewter vessell iij fetherbedd^e w^t all thyng^e therto belongyng shall remayne att Stubley as heire lomes The resydue of all my good^e my funerall expences legacies and dett^e payd I wholly gyve to the said Robert Holt my nephu whome I do orden &c. my sole and lawfull executor &c. In wyttnes &c. These beyng wyttenes Robert Turnāgh preiste Rycharde Holt Henry Holt Edmund Mylne and others.

From the debts owing by the testator "to my syst^r Agnes Barton wydowe and her dowghters xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d." From debts owing to the testator, "of Nycholas Sayvell vj^{li} xij^s viij^d wherof I wyll that iijij^{li} shalbe gyven toward^e the mendyng of the church of Rachedale and byenge of ornament^e to y^e same And liij^s iij^d to be geven to pore folkes for my sole and for the sowle of Renolde Ligne."

Endorsed as proved before the Dean of Blackburn, but no date of probate.

THE WILL OF ELENOR WIDOW OF ROBERT LANGLEY OF AGECROFT ESQ.¹

.....no Dñi m^{lmo} D^{mo} tricesimo secūdo desimo die
mēsis Maii ego Elenora Langley vidua compos et

¹ No date of probate. Eleanor daughter of William Radclyffe of Ordsall Esq. married (covenants dated 17th Edward IV. Dodsworth vol. 87, fo. 164.) Robert son and heir of John Langley of Agecroft Esq., by whom she had Thomas Langley her son and heir, who died in his father's lifetime; William, Rector of Prestwich and executor of his mother's will; Edmund and Laurence, both dead in 1568; and Anne, wife of John Greenhalgh of Brandlesome Esq.

in corpore cōdo meū testamētū in hūc modū In p^rmis ego aīam
meā Deo oipotēti bē Marie oibusq̄ sc̄tis ejus corpusque meū sepeliēd
in nova capella in pte australi ecclie pochialis e Marie de
P^rstwyche Iēm I wyll and beqweth vij markē to y^e intēt y^t an
honest and well disposed p^rst shall pray for y^e saule of myn husband
my saule and all Cristē saules and shall by y^e space of on zere saye
dayly y^e Dirige w^t y^e Colet Deus Una spes and oyr divine service
and masse qwen he ys disposed in y^e sayd chapell Also I wyll that
ij pore scolers shall haue ayther of thaym eue Fridaye on pēne duryng
y^e sayd yere distributed of y^e hondē of y^e p^rst y^t shall say masse y^r
that daye And the saides scolers knelyng opon thayre kneys shall
pray for y^e saulē aforesayd duryng y^e masse tyme Iēm to my cosē
Robert Langley esq̄er xx^{os} Iēm to my cosē Cecilie hys wyff vj^s viij^d
Iēm to my doght^r Anne Grenehalgh iij^{li} a stōdyng bedde w^t y^e
hengyngē of y^e said bedde and an matares Also to my son Edmūd
Langley iij^{li} Iēm to my son Laurans Langley iij^{li} Iēm to my syst^r
Clemēs Chetam vj^{os} viij^d Iēm to Elenore P^rstwyche xx^{os} Iēm to y^e
doght^rs of my son Thomas L. Elenore and Jone eyther of thaym xl^{os}
Also I wyll that my son pson [the parson] shall have my fether bedde
my best mātyll a carpet a seller and curtē all of qwyte and a cov^r-
yng to y^e said bedde of tapstre werke Iēm to y^e wyff of Thom^s
Hollond a pan Iē to Elenore P^rstwyche and Anne hyr syst^r eyther of
thaym a cofer Iēm to Alys Rydyche a pott and halfe a quartyn of
yorne Iēm to Cecill Ashetō a materes and iij^{os} iij^d Iē to y^e nurse
my best curtyll Iēm to my syst^r Clemēs my best gowne Iēm to Elē
Gest my workedaye goyne a cowte and a serke Iēm to Elynore
Chetā a curtyll and a serke Iēm to y^e doghters of John Grenehalgh
Elyzabeth and Anne ey^r of thaym xx^{os} Iēm to S^r John Mosse xij^s
iij^d Iēm to Jane Chetā my werse gowne Iēm to Añe Asshetō a
spruce cofur Iēm to Wyl^m Langley vj^s viij^d Iēm to y^e church of
Eccles xx^{os} Iēm to Thom^s Schol^r xij^d Iēm to Elenore Schol^r iij^d
Iēm to my son Wyllm L. pson of P^rstwyche aforesayde on kow Iēm I

bequeth xxvj^{os} viij^d to bye a sute to say masse in and to be occupied in the chapell where I shall be buryett Residuū vero bonoꝝ meoꝝ nō p^{us} legatoꝝ post q^m legata mea inde fuerint soluta do et lego distribuēd p salute aīe mee Iīm I wyll thatt my cosē S^r Aleḡ Radcliffe knyght be y^e supvisor of thys my last wyll Iīm I ordē and make my sayde son Wyllm L. pson of Pstwych a fore sayd and my servnt S^r John Mosse pst the executors of thys my p^{sent} last wyll to be fulfylde accordyng as ys afore sayd Yevē the daye and yere aboue wrytē Thes beyng wyttleness [of] hyt John Radclyff gen^t S^r John Lathū pst S^r John Hyll pst and oy^r.

THE WILL OF HENRY TRAFFORD, RECTOR OF WILMSLOW.¹

IN the name &c. The foureteenthe day of August 1591 and in the three and thryttyth yeaere of the regne of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Henry Trafforde clerke pson of Wilmeslowe beinge troblet somewhat with infirmytyes yet neverthelesse havinge good and pfecte remembraunce and memorie thankes and prayse be therefore geven to almighty God And dowtyng the uncerteynty of this lyfe doe ordeyne my last will and testamente &c. first I comēde my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Maker not dowtynge but moste constantly belevinge that the same of his infynite mercye and goodnes throughe the meritte and passion of his dearely beloved sonne our Lorde and Savyor Jesus Christe

¹ Proved 17th September 1591. Henry, fourth son of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ralph Longford of Longford, Knt., Rector of Wilmslow, to which living he was presented in 1542 by his brother Edmund Trafford Esq. He died 3rd September 1591, and was buried there on the day following — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 811.

shalbe and remayne amongst the moste blessed cōpanye of the electe sancte in heaven And it is my wyll that my bodye shalbe buried in the place wheare myne uncle Willyam Trafforde was buried or as nere to the said place as conveniently may be Also that after my deceasse at my buryall M^r Caldewall¹ pson of Moberleye shalbe procured to make a sermon theare and he to haue for his paynes takynge in that behalfe vj^s viij^d Also that theare shall no mournynge gownes be geuen or had at my said buryall but that theare shalbe a worshipfull dynyer made for my frendes that shall happen to be at my said buryall Also that all my bookes in Englysh shalbe and remayne at and in the parysh church of Wylmeslowe foresaide to the use of the same church theare Also that whomsoe^v shall fortune to serve as curate at the said church of Wylmeslowe at the tyme of my decease shall haue my best gowne Ifm unto my newewe Edmund Trafforde of Trafforde esquier one oxe or els foure poundes of lawfull Englysh moneye Also unto my lyttle newewes Edmund T. and John T. his sonnes two brasse pannes of the best two brasse pott^e of the best and six sylver spones equally to be deuyded betwyxte them Also I will &c. unto Thomas Leighe of Adlington and Randell Davemporte of Henburye esquyers eyther of them three poundes six shillinges and eighte pence as a remembraunce for their gentylnes and paynes takynge in execution heareof And also I doe frely forgeve all and every such debt^e as at the tyme of my deceasse shall happen to be owynge unto me or for all corne hearetofore solde and now owynge for as also the Easter booke Also that all the glasse bed stockes and hyngynges belongynge remaynyng and beyng in and aboute the psonage whearein I now dwell wth all bordes and shelves in the hall butrye and kytchyn one greate fornasse of leade wth all the bed clothes belongynge to the bed wheare Wifm Massye now lyeth shalbe and remayne at the said parsonage

¹ For a biographical notice of this distinguished preacher see *Derby Household Books*, printed by the Chetham Society, p. 132, note.

to the use of whom it shall fortune to be psonē theare after my decease Also to Randell Harryson my servaunte the bed that I lye in that is to saye a fetherbed a mattresse a bolster one pyllowe two blannkettē one coverlette one payre of teare hempe sheetē one melche cowe and all the rest of myn apparell belongynge to my bodye Also to Lawrens Hardeyn myn olde servaunte a brasse panne best but two Also unto John Smyth my servaunte one cowe calve Also unto ffrauncis Reve my servaunte six stone of scotched hempe Iſm unto Roberte Brucke and Thomas Bancroft my servauntē eyther of theim ten shillynge over and besydes their wages then dewe unto theim Also unto Edmundē Trafforde sonne of Thomas T. my brother a cowe calve The resydewe of all my goodes and cattalles I beyngē broughte home as ys aforesaide my debtē payed yf theare be anye my bequestes and funeralles discharged I geve &c. to my nevewes Alexander Trafforde Lawrence T. Anthonye T. and John T. equallye to be devyded amongst theim And for the sure pformaçōn of this my said last will and testam^t I doe ordeyne &c. the above named Thomas Leighe of Adlyngton and Randell Davemporte of Henburye esquyers my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. as myn especyall trust is in theim And I will and desyre my said nephewe Edmundē Trafforde esquyre to see the same in all thyngē performed &c. as my faythfull trust ys in him In wytnes &c. These beyngē presente &c. John Dale M^r Edwardē Grene Humfrey Newton William Norburye
Henry Trayfford.¹

¹ This signature is autograph.

THE WILL OF DAME JANE WIDOW OF SIR LAWRENCE
SMITH OF HOUGH KNT.¹

IN the &c. the vjth daie of Auguste in the yeare of our Lorde God one thousande fyve hundred fourescore and tenne I Dame Jane Smythe widow late wief of S^r Lawrence Smyth in the countie of Chester knight deceased somewhat diseased in bodye but whole in mynde &c. make my laste will &c. ffirste and principallie I bequeath geve and comend my soule &c. I geve and bequeath to S^r Wiſſm Brereton my sonne all such beddinge and naperye and linnens wth the cheste wherin the saide linnens be w^{ch} at this p^{re}sente are in my chamber at Brereton I geve unto him lykewaies my plaine velvet gowne And wheare he had lefte him by his father S^r Wiſſm Brereton knight my ffirste husband two peeces of goold w^{ch} are not nowe to be had I geve unto my saide sonne in steede of these two peeces three other peeces of golde Unto my saide sonne also the ffirste choyse of any one of my ringe wth stones in theim excepte one diamond ringe and one turquoise ringe Unto my saide sonne my prayer booke coved wth massye gold to be an heirelowme unto his howse and to be worne by the ladye or M^{rs} of the hall of Brereton from tyme to tyme and first to be enioyed and possessed by her that shall happen to be the wief of him that my saide sonne shall make and establishe his heire and not before Unto my said sonnes two daughters Elenor and Marye eyther of theim an angell or x^s of golde

¹ Proved 27th September 1597. The testatrix was daughter of Sir Piers Warburton of Arley, and married first Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., by whom she had Sir William Brereton, created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland, and five daughters, Mary, Elizabeth wife of Thomas Venables of Kinderton Esq., Jane wife of John Legh of Booths Esq., Anne wife of Sir Thomas Smith of Hatherton, and Susanna. She married secondly, January 20th 1560-61, Sir Lawrence Smith of Hough Knt., by whom she had no issue. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 52 and 260.

Secondlie I geve &c. to Elizabeth Venables my daughter my diamond ringe before excepted Unto Thom^as Venables esquier my sonn in lawe husband unto my saide daughter a ringe wth a stone in hit for a remembrance Unto my neeses Elizabeth Edgerton and Marye Venables daughters of my saide daughter either of theim an angell or peice of golde of x^s Thirdlye I geve &c. to Anne Smyth my daughter my turquoise ringe before excepted and my wrought velvet gowne Unto my saide daughter Ann Smithe alsoe the use and wearinge of my chaine and all other my jewell^e not geven or disposed to anye other by this my laste will for and duringe the tearme of her naturall lief and after my saide daughter her deathe my will is that the saide cheyne shall remaine unto Laurence Smithe sonne of my saide daughter to thend the saide cheyne maye be an heirelome to the said Laurence Smithe his heires lord^e and owners of his howse And for my jewell^e my will is that after the death of my saide daughter Anne Smythe they doe aud shall remayne unto Jane Smyth daughter of my said daughter and sister to the saide Laurence Unto the said Laurence an angell or peice of golde of x^s Unto the [said] Jane Smithe one angell or peice of golde of x^s and two little juelles suche as my saide daughter her mother by my appoyntem^t is to deliv^r unto her Unto Thom^as Smith esquier my sonne in lawe and husband of my saide daughter one golde ringe wth a stone in it and one stronge peice of golde w^{ch} I had of the guifte of his father Sr Laurence Smithe knighte my late husband Unto Edwarde Smithe my late husbände his yonger sonne one angell or peice of golde of x^s ffourthlie I geve &c. unto Jane Leighe my daughter one ringe wth a stone in hitt and my silke gowne Unto John Leighe esq^r my sonne in lawe and husband of my saide daughter one golde ringe w^{thout} a stone suche as by my appoyntment my daughter Anne Smithe is to deliv^r unto theim Unto the children of my saide daughter angell^e or peices of golde of x^s to ev^erye of them one Unto my cosin Bridget Davemport of Davemporte th^elder my weddinge ringe and to her

three daughters Elenor Jane and Bridget evye of theim one ringe of golde Unto my cosin Mary Bressye of the Cliff my fyne clothe gowne my plaine velvet doublet a silke curtell and my cloake and savegarde wth my seconde beste peticote Unto Ellen Perpoynte the wief of Henrye Perpoint of Breerton a gowne of buffen and to Elizabeth Edge the curate his wief of Brereton one other gowne of buffen and to Anne ffradsham my sonnes nurse one other gowne of buffen Unto M^ygret Leighe beinge my waytinge woman at this p^rsente for her service and toward^e her p^rferment twentie pound^e alsoe I geve unto her a peticoate garded wth lace wth my ridinge saddle and all the furniture therto belonging^e Alsoe my will is that wheare I holde it vaine [and] supfluous to have any pompe or vaine expences aboute my funerall^e in steede of black^e xlth pound^e I will maye be distributed amongst^e the poore of Namptwich Congleton Brereton Batherton and Wibunburie as by the discretion of my executor shalbe thought moste needfull and convenient. Unto Johan Heiward my fryze peticoate and desire that my sonne Brereton be good unto her at her mariage for an offeringe amongst^e his tennant^e Also I will that a blacke cloath be the cover of the heirse and that therbee twoe of theim the one fyner then th'other and the fyner to be bestowed uppon the incumbent of the church where I shall fortune to be buried and th'other to remaine accordinge to the tyme used Lastlie my will is and I geve unto Anne Smithe my daughter all the reste of my good^e and chattell^e whatsoever whom alsoe I doe make &c. my sole and onelye executor &c. &c. These beinge witnesses W^m Perren Richard Ellison Henrye Ellison.

THE WILL OF ROBERT DUKENFIELD OF
DUKENFIELD ESQ.¹

IN the name off God Amen the xxijth daye of Marche in the yere of o^r Lord God a M. V^c fortie and sixte and also in the fourthe yere of y^e reigne of o^r most dred so^vayne lord Edward y^e sixte by y^e grace &c. I Robart Dokenfelde sicke in bodie &c. ffirste I geve and bequeth my soule to allmyghtie God and to his blessed mother Marie y^e virgin w^t all ye holye company of heven my bodie to be buryed wthin my quire in y^e church of Alhallowes of Stockporte If I geve and bequethe unto y^e hande of my execut^re y^e custodie of my soⁿe and heire and I will y^t he shall take and receve of my demens yerelye x mark^e to kepe him apon till such tyme as he come to the age of xxi^{ti} yere y^t he be able to receve and take y^e p^fytte of y^e land^e himeself If I will y^t my execut^re shall marye my sayd soⁿe and heire as y^e thynke mete and w^t y^e mariage good y^t y^e do take for hyme I [will] y^t y^e shall geve unto y^e mariage of my oth^r dought^r Elen an hundreth pounde and to eth^r of my oth^r dought^r Jane and M^rgaret one hundreth mark^e to marie them wth and where the sayd mariage good aft^r y^e oulde extent of my land^e will not reche to so grete a so^me after my dett^e payed I will y^t my execut^re shall take of my land^e yerely tenn mark^e unto such tyme as y^e sayd mariage good be made one hundreth pounde tow hundreth mark^e to y^e use afforesayd If I geve to my execut^re y^e custodie of my thre dought^re and y^t y^e shall take and receive yerelye of my demenes or land^e to fynd them

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of John Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq. by Jane, widow of Nicholas Langford of Langford (daughter of Sir Nicholas Langford — *Harl. MSS.* 2012, fo. 52). He married Ellen, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and was ancestor of Col. Robert Dukenfield, the celebrated parliament officer, whose son was created a Baronet by Charles II. in 1665. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 398.

uppon y^e some of x mark^e If any of them go to y^e custodie of hir
 moth^r then I will y^t she shall have no pte of y^e forsaid tenn mark^e
 Iſm I geve to Rauff Dokenfeld my young^e sone all those my closes
 medowes or pastures called Brent Yerth y^e Warthe Medowe and y^e
 New Medowe about y^e Cowe Banke House as it is now inclosed
 wth hedges and diches lyenge and beyng wⁱⁿ Brynyngtō in y^e cōtie
 of Chest^r and p^{er}sell of my demenes att Portwoode and now in y^e
 tennure and occupaciō of me y^e foresayd Robart Dokenfeld to have
 &c. to y^e sayd Rauffe Dokenfeld my younger sōne and to his assignes
 for and duryng all y^e life of y^e foresayd Rauff for and in name of one
 annuete of vj mark^e yerely to hyme the sayd Rauff yeldyng and pay-
 enge for y^e p^{er}mysses yerely duryng his liff as is aforesayd to my
 heres execut^r or assynges aft^r my deceasse one redde rose floure at
 the feaste of the nativite of Saynt John Baptiste if it be asket I
 will y^t my sayd sōne and heire shall have thoccupacion of y^e p^{er}mysses
 at such tyme as he cometh to y^e full age of xxj yeres payenge unto y^e
 sayd Rauff or his assignes duryng y^e terme of his liff sixe mark^e at
 y^e feast of y^e nativite of Saynt John Baptiste and Saynt Martyn the
 Bishope in wint^r by even porcions If I will furth^r y^t my execut^r
 shall have my sayd sōne Rauff and his annuete in y^e kepyng and to
 kepe hyme unto y^e scole unto such tyme as Willelm Dokenfeld my
 sone and my heire come to y^e age of xxj yeres and then he to come
 to his custodie and be wth hyme unto such tyme as he be able to take
 and receive y^e annuete hyme self so that in no wise he shall come
 into y^e custodie of his moth^r and if she do make any sute for hyme
 if y^e lawe be y^t she have hime into hir custodie I will y^t my execut^r
 shall kepe y^e estate of myne annuete mad unto hyme in th^e hand^e
 deliveryng hyme yerlye so much as shalbe like for his exebition and
 kepyng hyme to y^e scole and y^e rest to kepe in y^e hand^e and deliv^r
 the estate and it togeth^r unto hyme when he comes to his lawfull
 age If I geve to Robart Dokenfeld my bastard sōne all y^t those my
 teneymēt^e and land^e in Dukenfeld in y^e sayd cōtie of Chest^r now^e

or late in y^e tennor or occupacion of John Bēnet soñe of y^e yerely rent^e of xxviij^s iiij^d also all y^t my tenemēt^e and land^e in Dokenfeld afforesayd now or late in y^e tenor or occupaciō of George Hollyngworth of y^e yerely rent of v^s viij^d and also all that my teniment^e land^e in Stockeport in the tenure of Nicolas Hybart of the yerelye rent of xij^s iiij^d and also all y^t my tenimēt and land^e in Stokporte in y^e tenure of John Brouke of y^e yerelye rent of xxiij^s viij^d and also all y^t my tenemet^e and land^e in Stotporte in y^e tenore of Antony Elcoke of y^e yerely rent of ix^s to have and to hold &c. to y^e sayd Robart Dokenfeld my bastard soñe and to his assignes for terme of life of y^e same Robart yeldynge yerely to Jane Swifton moth^r of me the sayd Robart durynge hir life and aft^r hir decesse to my heires and assignes durynge y^e sayd terme for y^e p^rmysses in Dokenfeld aforesayd lattlye in y^e occupaciō of y^e sayd John Beñetson viij^s of good and lawfull money of England at y^e feast^e of Saint M^rtyne y^e Bushope in wint^r and y^e nativitie of Saynt John Baptiste by even porcions and also yeldynge to y^e chefe lord of Stockpord aforesayd and to y^e heres for y^e p^rmysses in Stockport aforesayd late in y^e occupaciō of y^e sayd Nicholas Heberte iij^s iiij^d and to Wiſſm Hide of Urmeston and to his heires for y^e same xij^d of lawfull money of England at y^e fest^e aforesayd and also yeldynge yerely to y^e heres and assignes of me y^e sayd Robart Dokenfeld for y^e p^rmysses in Stockport aforesayd late in y^e occupacion of y^e said John Brocke xij^s viij^d of lawfull money of England at y^e feast^e aforementioned by even porcions also I geve to my execut^r all my good^e and cattels unbequested movable and unmovable to y^e payenge of my dett^e and p^rformance of my will Also I geve to y^e hand^e of my sayd execut^r all my takes or fermes y^t I have by lease or oth^r wise and that y^e shall take y^e p^rfitte over and beside y^e rent^e toward^e y^e payenge of my dett^e and dischargynge of my will Also I will y^t my execut^r shall receive and take my tithe corne of Dockenfild and Brinington and also y^e tethe corne and y^e p^rfitte therof ov^r y^e rent^e paynge I will shall goo to y^e payeng of my dett^e and

to y^e pformance of my will Also I bequeth to y^e pformance of my will and payenge of my dett^e x mark^e as it shall appere aft^o in this boke followynge pvided alwayes y^t if I doo at any time hereaft^o geve or bequethe any of my foresayd fermes and tak^e unto any of my serv^{nts} or any oth^r pson y^t it shall stand in as good effecte as if thes bequest^e aforesayd had not byne mad and all the rest and reversion of my land^e wth the profitte therof I will y^t my execut^r^e shall take and receive to discharge thē wthall unto such tyme as this my laste will be discharged also I will y^t my execut^r^e shalbe in full possession of all my land^e and tenemēte wth oth^r my tackes and farmes payenge out of y^e same yerely accordynge to this my last will Also I orden and make my lawfull execut^r^e my trustie and welbeloved coesens S^r Edmūde Treford knyght John Ardren of Hawarden Charles Manwaring of Croxton esquires and Wifftm Dokenfeld my soñe and heire and supervisors S^r Richard Houghton S^r Robarte Langley of Agecroft^e if he be non of my execut^r^e S^r Wifftm Davenport of Brāall and my cosyns John Beaumonde and Rauffe Dolton¹ of Hatton esquires Ifm I geve unto Wifftm Dokenfeld my sone and heire my greit twoo edged sword and my lesse tow edged sword w^{ch} I do weare my self wth my grete new buckler and my short armyng sword wth my dagar w^{ch} is garnished wth silv^o and also my batell axe wth all oth^r harnishe belongyng to my bodie and I will y^t my execut^r^e shall deliv^o all to hime at such tyme as he shalbe able to have y^e governance of y^e same hime selfe Ifm I will y^t my execut^r^e shall receive of y^e haule wth y^e orchard^e gardens and dere pke at Porwod wth the Grymisbothom in y^e cou^{ty} of Lancast^r and of y^e demenes of Brynyngton and Dokenfeld yerelye seven mark^e and also I will y^t my execut^r^e shall receive the services pfitt^e and advantage of thes teniment^e followynge in the name of xl^s yerely w^{ch} somes afore written do amont unto x mark^e yerely ov^o all chargis and rep^rses Also I will that my execut^r^e shall paye out of y^e sayd tenemet^e as

¹ Dutton.

apereth hereaft⁹ ffurst out of y^e tenemēt of y^e wife of Robart Oldam toward my mothers rent yerely iiij^s j^d and also payeng out of y^e sayd tenemet^e of Rauff Heritage in Dokenfeld Robart Sele uxor Robart Smith Thom^s High^m and the wife of Robart Oldam aforesayd in Brynyngton yerely towards the anuyte of Edmunde Dokenfeld my brother xxvj^s and iiij^d and xij^s of the sayd xxvj^s iiij^d to be and stand for xij^s w^{ch} the sayd Edmund shuld have had out of y^e sayd house of Thom^s Oldam and the forsayd x marke I will shall go to the discharginge of my will and payenge of my dett^e unto such tyme as y^e sayd will and dett^e be fully discharged if my goode and bequest^e afore written will not discharge the same thes beyng witnes Edmunde Duckenfeld Rauff ffydalar Ri^c Hudson Thom^s Knotte John Bexwicke and Robart Lacie wth others.

THE INVENTORY OF DAME CICELY DELVES,
WIDOW.¹

December 29, 1562. The will of "Dame Cicele Delves off Weston wⁱⁿ the paryshe off Webunburye in the cowntye off Chest^r widow late the wyffe off Syr Henrye Delves knyght deceasyd." After directing the unpaid debts and legacies of her late husband, as well as her own debts, to be paid, she bequeaths all the residue to her "welbelovyd sone Rawffe Delves," whom she appoints her executor. "In witnes whereoff to this my last wyll &c. I the sayd Dame Cicele have put my marke the day and yeare aboveseyd in the

¹ Ciceley daughter of Richard Brook, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer of London, married 4 Henry VIII. Sir Henry Delves of Doddington Knt., Sheriff of Cheshire 29 and 37 Henry VIII., and was buried at Wybunbury 3 January 1562 [1562-3.] Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 268. The will contains nothing of interest. — J. P.

Þsens off the ryght worahypffull Syr Wyffm Brooke clearke Mathew Woode¹ vicare off Wybunburye and Richard Turner w^t others."

Hereafter ffolowytht the trew innventorye off all the goodes and cattallc moveable and unmoveable off Dame Cicele Delves wedow late the wyffe off S^r Henrye Delves knyght latelye deceasyd taken the jx day off Januarye a^o D^mi 1562 [1562-3] and indifferentlye preyseyd by Mathew Wood vicare off Wibunburye Randull Woodnet Richard Slade and Robert Wood yomen.

In my ladyes chameber In primis one iron bownden chest next to M^r Brookes chameber viij fflaxen table clothes liij^s iiij^d — vij diapur table clothes jx^{li} vj^s viij^d — v dyapur table clothes off a lesse sort xxvj^s viij^d — vj dyapur cuppord clothes xl^s — vj diapur towells off the largest sorte iiij^{li} — vj dyapur towells of a lesse sorte xxiiij^s — ij cowerse dyapur towells ij^s viij^d — v pleyne fflaxen towells off y^e largest sorte xv^s — iiij ffyne confbanes off dyapur vj^s — xj damaske table napkyns xvij^s iiij^d — xiiij damaske table napkyns off a cowerser sort xiiij^s — xij dyapur table napkyns xij^s — v other dyapur table napkyns iiij^s iiij^d — viij confbanes off dyapur xiiij^s iiij^d — the same iron bownden chest x^s Suma totalis xxv^{li} iiij^s iiij^d — One iron bownden chyste next to the ffyre vj payre off ffyne sheetes and one old sheete xj^{li} — vj peyre off fflaxen sheetes iiij^{li} — iiij peyre off fflaxen sheetes xl^s — the same iron bownden chyste xiiij^s iiij^d Suma totalis xvij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — In one iron bownden chiste standinge at the hedde off y^e steyre jx ffyne fflaxen sheetes iiij^{li} — v peyre off fflaxen sheetes xxvj^s viij^d — iiij peyre off newe reydynge sheetes xxxv^s — v peyre

¹ 16th July 8 Edward VI., Matthew Wood presented by Richard, Bishop of Lichfield, to Wybunbury, vacant by the resignation of Richard Walker. In Ormerod's list of Vicars he is erroneously named Matthew Ward or Wall. 23rd June 12 Elizabeth, Matthew Wood gave bond to the Bishop on his institution to the vicarage of Wybunbury, to which he was presented by Edward Holland of Denton Esq. and Richard Wood of Kenyon in the county of Lancaster, vacant by the death of Matthew Wood. — *Registry*, Chester.

off reydinge sheetes xxx^s—the same chiste xiiij^s iiij^d Sumā x^{li} x^s. In one square iron bownden chiste one clothe off nylde worke myxte w^t gold x^{li}—iiij cuppord carpetts off Turkey worke viij^{li}—one table carpett off the same woorke iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d—one other table carpett off tapestrye woorke xxvj^s viij^d—one bedd coveringe off arras worke iiij^{li}—ij littell carpetts ffor wyndowes off tapestrye vj^s—the same chiste xiiij^s iiij^d Sumā xix^{li} xij^s viij^d—Yet in the same chameber one bedde one bolster and ij pyllowes off downe and one bedd off strawe vij^{li}—one coverynge off tapestrye xx^s—one payre off sheetes xvj^s—one payre off blanketts viij^s—one turnge bedstyd w^t stesto^s and curteynes off greene say xx^s—one ffetherbed one bolster and ij pyllowes iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d—one peyre off blanketts x^s—one coverynge of arras woorke xx^s—one square cuppord iij^s—one rownd table iij^s viij^d—iiij throwen cheares iij^s viij^d—one littell caskett v^s—ij awndyrons j ffyre shovell and j peyre off tonges iij^s viij^d—henginges to the same chameber xx^s Summa totalis xvij^{li} iiij^s iiij^d—In the meydens chameber over the bedd next to the dore one ffetherbed one bolster one pillow off downe and one mattress liij^s iiij^d—one coverlett to the same bedde w^t one blankett xij^s—one the bedd next the poole one ffetherbedde and one old coverlett xvj^s—one the thrydd bedd in the same chameber one ffetherbedd one mattress one bolster ij pyllowes whereoff one ys off downe xxx^s—ij coverletts to the same bedde x^s—iiij bedstiddes vj^s viij^d Sumā vj^{li} viij^s—In Mr Brookes chameber one bedd one bolster ij pyllowes off downe viij^{li}—one peyre off sheetes to the same bedde xx^s—one coverynge the same xxvj^s viij^d—one payre off blanketts x^s—the bedstyd testor and curteynes xv^s—one shottynge table xij^s—one rownd table iij^s iiij^d—one redd mantell v^s—ij throwen cheares xvj^d—ij andyrons and one peyre off tonges xx^d Sumā xij^{li} xv^s—In the store howse one iron bownde chest x^s—iiij pyllowes off cloth off tyssewe and stuffyd w^t downe iiij^{li}—ij sylke pyllowes stuffyd w^t downe xxx^s—vj quyshins picturyd w^t the lambe xxx^s—vj quyshins pycturyd w^t

the rose xx^s — the best coverynge off arras woorke vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d — one cownterpoynnt ffor a bedd off the same worke xl^s — one table carpett off checker woorke xx^s — one other carpett off the same woorke xx^s — ij short table carpetts off the same woorke x^s — one cuppord carpet iijs^s iiij^d — ij great greene table carpetts x^s — ij peare off ffustian blanketts xxvj^s viij^d — one payre off the best blanketts xx^s — one payre off the second blanketts xiijs^s — ij peyre off the cowrsest blanketts xiijs^s — one coverynge off arder lyned w^t canvasse iijs^s vj^s viij^d — one old coverynge iijs^s iiij^d — iiij pillowes of downe xxvj^s viij^d — ij bolsters xx^s — one old coverynge off arras woorke ijs — ij old coverletts one mattresse one bolster and one twyll sheete xij^s — quyshens one greene and the other checcker ij^s — xx dyson off flaxe and hempe x^s — xij slippinges off linnen yarne viij^s — ij throwen cheares xvij^d — one styllatorye vj^s viij^d — one brasse tynkers panne iijs^s iiij^d — one olde chaffer iijs^s — ij bundells off flaxe ij^s — one bagge off fflockes iijs^s iiij^d — one twyll sheete ij^s — ij pylowes off downe x^s — xxvj yardes off newe canvasse xxv^s — ij candelstickes ffor tapers iijs^s iiij^d — one bynge ffor a pantrye x^d — iiij great potts iijs^s littell pottes one bason and ij ewers x^s Suma totalis xxxvj^{li} xjx^s ij^d — In Rauffe Delves chameber iijs^s pillowes off downe and one bolster xx^s — one coverynge xxvj^s viij^d — one peyre off blanketts x^s — one mattresse and one strawe bedde x^s — one peyre off sheetes x^s — the bedstyd w^t the curtens xiijs^s iiij^d — one chiste vj^s viij^d Suma iijs^s xvj^s viij^d — In the yomens chameber one ffetherbedde next to the store howse doore w^t ij bolsters a mattres and a strawe bed xxiijs^s iiij^d — ij coverletts a blankett and a peyre off sheetes xxjs^s — the same bedstyd vj^s viij^d — one ffetherbed next to the same w^t ij bolsters and j pillowe xl^s — one coverynge off arres woorke xx^s — ij olde coverletts v^s — ij blanketts xiijs^s iiij^d — the bedstyd vj^s viij^d — one peyre off sheetes ij^s viij^d — the same bedstyd iijs^s — one ffetherbed next to the same w^t ij bolsters and one old mattresse iijs^s — the same bedstyd iijs^s iiij^d — one ffether bed next to

the same w^t ij bolsters and one strawe bed xx^s — ij coverletts x^s — ij blanketts viij^s — one peyre off sheetes vj^s — the same bedstyd iiij^s — one ffetherbedd next to the same w^t ij bolsters xx^s — ij coverletts xiiij^s iiij^d — one blankett xij^d — one peyre off sheetes xij^d — the same bedstyd ij^s — one benche off throwen woorke ij^s — one boord xvj^d — in one chest standinge in the same chameber vj large platters at iiij^s a pease xxiiij^s — ij weshinge basens iiij^s — ij great voyders x^s — vij new small dyshes vij^s — xx newe sawcers xiiij^s iiij^d — xiiij off the best platters xxvij^s — xij plates ffor ffuite vij^s — vj lesser plates iiij^s — iiij plates to ley under venyson ij^s — vj olde platters x^s — vj olde small dyshes iiij^s — vj olde sawcers ij^s — ij pottage dyshes xx^d x platters xx^s — jx small dyshes xij^s — vj platters xij^s — the same chiste v^s Suma totalis xxijⁱⁱ xvj^s viij^d — In the hyndes chameber one mattresse w^t one bolster ij^s iiij^d — ij olde coverlitts iiij^s iiij^d — ij twyll sheetes ij^s — one peyre off sheetes ij^s — iiij bedstiddes ij^s Suma xj^s viij^d — In the parler in one iron bowuden cheste vj table clothes off Reydinges xij^s — viij cwrser table clothes off reydinges x^s viij^d — iiij fflaxen table clothes xiiij^s iiij^d — ij fflaxen table clothes iiij^s — viij towels off Reydinges xxxiiij^s — ij dyapur towells ij^s — ij olde dyapur table clothes viij^s — iiij dyapur cuppord clothes one off fflaxen and ij off Reydinges v^s — one dosen table napkyns off Reydinges iiij^s — iiij dosyn off fflaxen table napkyns xvij^s — one peyre off fflaxen sheetes x^s — v payre off reydinge sheetes xxv^s — the same chiste xiiij^s iiij^d — jx cheares vj^s — v quishins viij^s iiij^d — one carpet v^s — the table vj^s viij^d — one carpett ffor the rownd table ij^s — the rownd table ij^s viij^d — one cuppord ij^s viij^d — one pleyne chiste iiij^s iiij^d — one payre off aundryrons vij^s — one payre off tonges a ffyreshoole and a payre off bellowes iiij^s — iiij pictures v^s — the henginges xxvj^s viij^d Suma xjⁱⁱ xvij^s viij^d — In the hall ij tables and ij fformes x^s — one square table v^s — one littell cuppord ij^s — one throwen benche ij^s — vj cheares iiij^s — one iron fforke ij^s viij^d — the payntyd cloth over the hyghe bowrd vj^s viij^d Suma xxxij^s iiij^d — In the Buttrye

xv candelsickes xxx^s— iij washinge basens jx^s— ij voyders v^s— pewter pottes ij^s— one throwen benche xvj^d— the great table vj^s— one littell cupbord xx^d— one close table ij^s Sumā xxxvij^s— In the day howse ij off the byggest olde pannes x^s— iij littell pannes v^s— iij brasse potts xij^s iij^d— one trevyt xx^d— xj cheese ffattes iij^s iij^d— one chorne xvj^d— one close bowke xvj^d— ij great treene basens xij^d— ij treene steanes iij^d— one littell stownd iij^d— iij payles xvj^d— one hoggeshed w^t verges vj^s viij^d— one ffringe panne iij^d— ij bowrdes w^t tressels xvj^d— one skymmer ij^d— one syghe dyshe iij^d Sumā xlvij^s jx^d— In the backehowse one great brasse potte iij^{li} vj^s viij^d— one great brasse panne w^t a corbe xx^s— ij littell brasse pannes viij^s— ij longe brendyrans x^s— xjx fflitches off baken iij^{li}— iij great combes xxx^s— iij turnells xv^s— iij rownd turnels iij^s— one elensing sive xvj^d— xxiij barells xl^s— ij trowghes and one bootinge tubbe v^s— iij eshins and one piggen iij^s— iij basketts xvj^d— viij syves xvj^d— ij here syves xvj^d— vij seckes or bagges ij^s— a beare fframe iij^s iij^d— short boord iij^d— one slynge w^t cordes and hookes iij^d Sumā xij^{li} xij^s— In the ketchin iij broade spittes xij^s iij^d— iij narrow spittes viij^s— ij small spittes xx^d— one peyre off dowble gobartes x^s— iij racks iij peyre off hookes and one barre off iron x^s— ij trevetts a ffyre fforke and a ffyre shoole v^s vj^d— ij grydyrans v^s— ij ketchin knyves xvj^d— ij choppinge knyves vj^d— v drepinge pannes viij^s— one ffryinge panne xij^d— one scymmer and ij brasse ladells xiiij^d— ij chaffynge dyshes iij^s— one stewynge potte w^t a cover v^s— one caldron v^s— ij posnetts vj^s— ij great potte xxxij^s iij^d— ij othier potts xxvj^s viij^d— ij lesse potts xvij^s— iij small potts xvij^s iij^d— one great brasse panne xij^s iij^d— iij littell pannes xv^s— one skellet viij^d— one chaffer iij^s iij^d— one brasse mortar w^t a pestell viij^s— one littell mortar ij^s iij^d— one payle vj^d— one cheare viij^d— ij boordes ij^s Sumā xj^{li} ij^s viij^d— In the larder howse one voyder ij^s viij^d— iij plates ffor trenchers ij^s— vj platters xij^s— vj platters of another sort x^s— vij small dyshes viij^s— vj lesse dyshes vj^s— iij

off the best sawcers ij^s — vj off the cowerser sawcers ij^s — one colender x^d — iij close bowkes iij^s — one powdrynge trowghe ij^s iij^d — one same vj^s — one salt pyye [*sic*] xij^s — ij salt tubbes w^t a ryndelet xvij^d — ij boordes and ij shelfes xx^d — ij treis xij^d Suma iij^{li} iij^s — In the cowrte vj leydes liij^s iij^d — In the hacke howse jx iron cheynes xij^s — ij copsolls xvj^d — iij bylles ij^s viij^d — ij axes and one hatchett ij^s — iij mattookes iij^s — v sythes iij^s iij^d — one fframynge sawe ij^s — ij spades iij^d — iij muckefforkes xvj^d — one woorthinge hooke ij^d — x hengled yokes w^t bowes x^s — ij yokes unhenglyd viij^d — iij plowes w^t irons viij^s — one peyre off plowghe irons xx^d — ij harrowes w^t pinnes iij^s iij^d — vij oxen bowes xvij^d — viij blowghe beames ij^s viij^d — xv appeltryes vij^s vj^d — xx^{ty} trockes xx^d — one kynd off spokes x^d — xij plowghe tayles xij^d — ij wheele plowghe beames iij^d — one iron bownden weyne xliij^s iij^d — one other iron bownden weyne xx^s — one woollen weyne iij^s — one payre off parynges vij^s — iij iron wedges xvj^d Suma vij^{li} iij^s v^d — In the barne one great compe [*sic*] x^s — ij bays off rye xli^{li} — barlye in the same barne vij^{li} — one baye off otes xij^{li} Suma lx^{li} x^s — Cattayll at Weston ij ffatte oxen vij^{li} — iij other ffatte oxen vij^{li} — x drawght oxen xxij^{li} vj^s viij^d — iij steares vij^{li} — xxij melche kyen w^t iij calves xxxij^{li} xij^s iij^d — one bull xl^s — xxiiij twynters xxiiij^{li} — xxij styrkes xj^{li} — ~~xx~~ xij yewes xiiij^{li} xij^s iij^d — iij mares and ij nagges vj^{li} — ij boares x^s — ij great sowes xij^s iij^d — ij lesser sowes x^s — iij yonge swyne xij^s — corne uppon the grownd in one ffylde iij^{li} — corne in one other ffylde iij^{li} xij^s iij^d — one baye off barlye xiiij^{li} Suma Clxiiij vij^s viij^d — Cattayll and corne at Kele — iij three yeare olde steares vj^{li} xij^s iij^d — v heffers off the same yeare vj^{li} xij^s iij^d — one ffatte cowe xxiiij^s iij^d — one stagge xl^s — ij mares and ij coltes iij^{li} — ~~v~~ hogges tuppes and wethers xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — iij swyne xij^s — corne on the grownd vij^{li} xij^s iij^d — corne at Hatherton on the grownd v^{li} vj^s viij^d — xxvij shepe at Halffes liij^s iij^d — plate off sylver lx^{li} Suma Cxj^{li} xij^s — Yet naprye and linen

at Weston—xij reydinge napkyns iiij^s—one reydinge towell xx^d—
 ij reydinge table clothes iij^s iiij^d—ij olde fflaxen table clothes iij^s—
 one peyre off fflaxen sheetes xx^s—another peyr off fflaxen sheetes
 vj^s viij^d—one fflaxen table clothe xij^s—one fflaxen towell iij^s—ij
 fflaxen cuppord clothes x^s—one fflaxen sheete vj^s—one peyre off
 reydinge sheetes vj^s viij^d—one olde reydinge sheete ij^s—ij peyre
 off canvasse sheetes viij^s—iiij peyre off olde canvasse sheetes iiij^s
 —iiij bowkyng tables and one hoggeshed v^s—ij twyll sheetes
 iij^s Suma v^{li} iiij^s iiij^d—Suma totalis omniū v^c lxxiiij^{li} viij^s viij^d.

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IN the name of God Amen The vijth daye of August in the
 yere of owr Lord God m^{vc} and threescore and j and the
 second yere of the reygne of o^r sovereygne Ladye Elizabeth by the
 grace &c. I Richard Halsall clerk psone of the pishe church of
 Halsall in the cowntye of Lancastre beinge sicke &c. ffyrst and
 principallye I commend my sole unto the handes of Almyghtye God
 my Maker and Redemer to his onely sone Jesus Christe my Sa-
 viour and Redemer in whome and by the merit^e of whose blessyd
 death and passion is all my hole trust of cleare remission and for-
 geavenes of all my sinnes And I will that my bodye shall be
 buryed in the chancell of the piche church of Halsall afore sayd

¹ Proved 14th October 1563. The Rector was third son of Sir Henry Halsall of Halsall Knt. by Margaret, daughter of James Stanley. His great nephew Sir Richard Halsall left a natural son, Sir Cuthbert Halsall of Halsall, whose eldest daughter and coheiress, Elizabeth, married Thomas, son of Sir Cuthbert Clifton of Westby.—Dodsworth, vol. v. fo. 187. The present representative of the family is John Talbot Clifton Esq. of Lytham Hall. See *Stanley Papers*, Part ii. Notes p. 116.

in the towme made in the wall upon the north syde of the same churchē Iſm to be distributed and delt in almes at the day of my buryall amongst my piſheners and other poore folkes at the discretion of my executors twentye pownde and that soche further expenses and costes be made and bestowed in and upon my sayd buryall as shalbe thought necessarye and convenient by my sayd executors in that behalfe And whereas Wiſſm Colley of Windell in the sayd cownty of Lancastre by his conveyance in the lawe hath bargeyned and morgaged unto me the sayd Riĉ Halsall and to myne heyres and assignes for ever certeyne lande and hereditament wth their apptenances wthin the sayd cownty of Lanĉ upon condicion that yf he or his heyres doe paye or cause to be payd unto me the sayd Richard Halsall my heyres &c. the sūme of xl and syxe pownde xij^s and iiij^d at certeyne daye or dayes mencōed in his sayd conveyance y^t then ytt shall be lawfull for him and his heyres to reenter into the same lands and hereditaments &c. Nowe as towchiuge the disposition of the same lande tentē &c. I will &c. all the sayde lande and tentē and all other my lande tentē and hereditam^t whatsoever they be wth their apptenances sett lyinge and beinge in the towne piche fyeldē and territorye of Latham in the sayd cownty of Lanĉ or in anye other place wthin the realme of England unto John Halsall soñe of James Halsall of Altcarre in the saide cownty gen^t and to the heyres of the bodye of the sayd John lawfullye begotten And for default &c. then I will &c. that all and singler the sayd lande tentē and hereditam^t wth all and singler their apptenances shall remeyne fall come and be unto Richard Halsall brother unto the sayd John and to his heyres for ever Iſm unto my sayd cosin John Halsall soñe of James Halsall the soñe of fowre score and eighteene pownde iij^s iiij^d towarde his exhibition at learninge where my executers shall appoynt Item unto my nephewe Henrye Halsall esquier one bruyche of gold wth the picture of Saynet John Baptist thereupon

And also a sylver cuppe gylt wth a cover I^{fm} to M^r Halsall the yonger one girdell garnished wth silver I^{fm} unto my brother James Halsall of Hesken fyve markes Item to my sister Ursula Halsall wyffe to my brother Edward Halsall one tablet of gold I^{fm} to S^r John Prescottt my servant and curate one hole yeres wages Item I will &c. that all other my howsehold servant^e takinge wages shall have evye of theym a peece one halfe yeres wages and that all other my servant^e takinge no wages shall have evye of theym a peece v^s I^{fm} to my godson Thom^s Eccleston xl^s I^{fm} to Anne Halsall my goddawghter dawghter to James Halsall my servant xx^{ss} markes and asmoche more as at the discretion of myne executors shall be thowght good toward^e her p^rferment in mariage Item unto Ri^c Halsall soⁿe to the sayd James Halsall my servant xx^{ss} p^{ow}ndes I^{fm} unto James Achemell xx^s and more as to the discretion of myne executors shalbe thowght good And of the execution of this my p^rnt testam^t &c. I make &c. my right trustye and welbeloved S^r Thom^s Stanley knight and my trustye servant and kinsman James Halsall myne executors And I bequeth to the sayd S^r Thom^s Stanley for his peynes takinge therein xx^{li} and to the sayd James Halsall for his peynes takinge therein x p^{ow}nd^e And overseers of this my last will I doe make and ordeyne the right honorable Edward erle of Derbye and my brother Edward Halsall And I bequeth to the sayd Edward erle of Derbye my best standinge cuppe and to my seyde brother Edward Halsall the s^um^e of xx^{li} And further my will and mynd ys that over and above all the sayd legacyes my executors shall geave and bestowe as farre as the rest of my good^e will extend accordinge to soche information as I shall by word of my mouthe assigⁿe addmitte and appoynt hereafter to my sayd executors at any tyme duryng^e my naturall liffe The residewe of all my good^e and cattall^e unbequethed after my debte^e payd my legacyes and funerall expenses payed p^rformed and discharged I will &c. that my sayd executors shall dispose and be-

stowe the same in suche almes deedes of woorkes of m^cie and charitye as to their good wisdomes and dispositions shall seeme good or be thought most needefull and necessarye accordinge [to] the especiall truste and confidence that I have and repose in them And I utterlye revoke and adnulle all other former testam^{ts} willes &c. And I will that this my p^{nt} testam^t and last will together wth all the legacyes gyftes bequestes executors and overseers herein made named and ordeyned shall ppetuallye stand and remeyne for my verey last will and testam^t and none otherwyse In witnes whereof to this my p^{nt} testam^t and last wyll I have sette my seale geaven the daye and yere above written.

In the name of Godd Amen The xxiiijth daye of June año Dñi 1563 and in the fiefte yere of the reygne of owre sov^agne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace, &c. I Richard Halsall clarke doe make this my last will &c. And doe will that the same shalbe annexed and taken as pcell of the former will by me heretofore made In primis unto my servant Richard Asmoll ffortye shillinges Itm to Richard Dogeson ffortye shillinges Item to Anne Halsall dawgh-ter of my nephew Richard Halsall decessed ffortye shillinges towards her mariage Item ytt ys my will that my executors shall bestowe on chalece p^{ce} iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d to the use of Halsall churche soe as my executors shall thinke convenient Item I geave toward^e the amendm^t and repation of Mellinge chapell ffortye^s Itm toward^e the reparation of Maghull chapell xx^{ti} shilling^e Item for asmoche as I am in certeyne howe my good^e will serve toward^e the discharge of my funerall^e debt^e and my legacyes in my former will expressed it ys therefore my will that after the discharge thereof Marye Halsall dawghter of James Halsall my servant shall have toward^e the p^{ferm}^t of her mariage as the same good^e will extend These beinge witnes Edward Halsall esquier Henrye Moorecroft phisitian John Prescott preest Henrye Croston Richard Dogeson and Richard Asmoll wth others.

Extracts from "The Trewe Inventorye of all the goodꝛ and cattalls of Richard Halsall clerke late psone of Halsall decessyd":

In primis one drinkinge cuppe called a nutte garnished wth sylver and gylte bequested to y^e erle of Derbye v^{li} Item one drinkinge cuppe wth a cover gilt bequested to M^r Halsall xlvj^s viij^d Item one other littell beere cuppe wth a cover gilte xlv^s Item one other drinkinge cuppe wth a cover gilte being a pledge for iij^{li}—iij^{li} Item one standing cuppe wth a cover gilte p estimacionem xxj ounce iij^{li} xij^s iij^d Item ij saltes wth covers gilte vj^{li} vj^s viij^d Item one small white goblett silver playne xxx^s Item one white boole silver playne xxx^s Item one boole pounsed pcell gilte in the bottome liij^s iij^d Item one dosen silver spownes wth knoppes iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Item one forked sponne silver at v^s Item sixxe silver spownes wth knoppes xxx^s Item xj silver spownes wthowte knoppes liij^s iij^d Item one ffaire chalesse bequested xxj ounce dowble gilte iij^{li} xij^s iij^d Item one other chalesse being a pledge of S^r Thomas Wuddes gayged for xxvj^s viij^d Item in golde xxxvj^{li} Item in silver and pence iij^{li} Item one girdell wth silver pendentꝛ x^s

THE WILL OF RICHARD LEE OF LEE.¹

IN the name of God Amen I Rychard Ley of the Lee in the countie of Chester gentylmā the xxth day of November in

¹ No date of probate. Richard, son of Robert Lee of Lee Esq. by Ellen, daughter and coheirss of Robert Minshull of Hulgreve, married first Margery, daughter of Richard Harwood of Stronglow in the county of Stafford, by whom he had Robert, who died an infant, and Winifred, wife of Roger de Madeley. He married secondly Alice, daughter of Richard Clyve of Huxley, and had issue Richard Lee, afterwards knighted, Laurence, William, Edmund, Anne, Sarah, and Margaret. From this family the Lees Earls of Lichfield (extinct in 1776) derived their descent.—Ormerod, vol. i. p. 466.

the yere of the raygne of Elizabeth by the grace &c. the fyft beyinge at this p'sent somethynge vysyted wth sycknes &c. and also myndynge to gyve and bestowe my goodē and cattailē and landē to my wyfe and chyl dren whome I wold shuld wth quiatnes enjoye the same accordynglye do make this my last wyll &c. ffyrst I bequeth my sowle to allmyghtye God trustynge by the merytte of his blessed passion to be one of the number of theym that shalbe saved and to enherytt the kyngdome of heaven and my boddye to be buryed in the pishe churche of Wybūburye amongst my anncestors att my wyves forme end Item I bequethe to Rychard Lee my sonne and heyre appon [*sic*] the goodē and cattailē hereafter named for and in the name of hys heyre lomes that ys to wytt my best sylv salt and oñ dosen of my best sylv sponnes my best ringe of gold beyinge a syguet havinge the seale of my armes therein graven oñ standynge pece gyldet and oñ sylv cuppe pcell gylt wth all my harmes my best bedd and all thyngē thereunto belongynge my best brasse pañ my best brasse pott wth the best of all kynd of howsehold stuffe Item to Lawrence Lee my sonne xx^{li} in gold and to Wyllm Lee my sonne xx^{li} in gold and to Edmund Lee my sonne xx^{li} lyk wyse in gold and to my daughters Anne Lee Sara Lee and M^ogaret Lee evy of them xx^{li} in gold and moneye w^{ch} ys and remayneth in my chest and yf there want in my chest in redye gold and money to fulfyll the sayd legacies then I wyll that my wolle be sold and the sayd legacyes fulfilled of the money that shalbe taken for the said wolle Also to my daughter Wenefryde xx^{li} so that she make no tytle nor sute to eny of the landē of my owne enherytaunce and yf she do make any tytle to or for eny of my sayd landē then I wyll that she shall have but xl^s for her chylde's pte of goodē Also I wyll that all the rest of my goodē cattailē and dettē not before bequested be equallye devyded in two pte the oñ pt thereof to Alys my wyfe and thother pte to my sayd chyl dren Lawrence Wyllm Edmond Anne Sara and M^ogarett Lee

equally to be devyded so that my dettē fuḡallē and other legacyes hereafter mēcioned be discharged of those sayd two pte of my goodē [and] cattallē Item I wyll that yf eny of my sayd chyldren fortune to dye before the age of xiiij^{ten} yeares then the pte of goodē to that chyld before bequested shall remayne amongst the rest of my sayd chyldren lyvyng equalye to be devydett Item to Lawrence Lee of Wybūbury xxvj^s yerelye rent to be pceyved and taken yerely owt of the messuage and landē now in the holdyng of Robt Wever my tenant duryng the naturall lyfe of the sayd Lawrence in discharge of the foure nowbles to hym bequested by the last wyll and testament of S^r Robt Lee clarke decessed brother to the sayd Lawrence Lee Item I wyll that my wyfe shall have the grownd [and] pastures hereafter named to the use and bryngyng uppe of my sayd chyldren for and duryng xiiij^{ten} yeres next after my decease payinge therefore the old rentē as the have ben letten that ys to wytt one pasture called the Smethe Lockett and Knollē Croft at the yerelye rent of xx^s And oñ pasture called Hychens Hylles at the yerely rent of viij^s And oñ pasture called the Russhe Mosse at the yerely rent of iij^s And oñ other pasture [called] Heynes Feildē at the yerely rent of xij^s iiij^d And two pastures called Tomkyns Feildē at the yerely rent of x^s She to have all the sayd landē and suche other landē as I hold be lease of my grand-mother Chydlowe, and the sayd Lawrence Lee of Wybūburye to all pfyttē doynge no wast. And she to bryng uppe my sayd chyldren in godly and honest order And also keypyng her selfe sole and unmarried And yf she do marry ageyne and take an nother husbāde then I wyll that my other executors shall have and entmeddell wth the orderynge and settinge forthe of my sayd chyldren and they⁹ goodē Item I wyll that my brother in lawe Rauff Clyff gen^t and Lawrence Woodnet to have the orderynge and rule of my sayd daughter Wenefryd And yf she wylbe ordered by them and also suffer Andrew Bowyer her uncle to enjoye suche and so moche of her pt of the Stone-

low accordyng to my lease in discharge of my executor^e then she to have xx^{li} before to her bequested yf she will not then to have but x^{li} as before bequested Item to my brother Rychard Clyff my best sat-ton qwyest and my best cappe to my cosyn Edmond Gruffyn my best clooke to my brother Rauff Clyff my newe gowne Item to my brother Lawrence Wodnet my gold rynge havynge a horse hedd therein graven wth my tawne velvett purse and my velvett gyrdell Item to Robert Weaver my tenaunt my secund blake coote and to John Lawton my best blacke coote and oñ payre of howse and my blacke spruse purse Item to Lawrence Lee of Wybūburye my uncle my best fryse coote and to John Colle my teñant my new fustyon dowblet and oñ payre of howse Item to George Wodnet my systers sonne my hope rynge of gold that hys mother gave me Item to Thomas Honyat my servaunt my old fryse coote and my old dowblet And for the trewe pformance of this my sayd last wyll and testament I doe ordeyn constitute and make my trew and lawfull executors Alys my derely beloved wyfe Rychard Clyff my brother in lawe Edmond Gruffyn my kynseman and Lawrence Woodnett of Gouseley to order all thyng^e accordyng to the trewe intent and meaninge of this my sayd wyll In wytnes whereof I the sayd Rychard Lee to this my p^rsent last wyll and testament have subscribed my name and putte my seale the daye and yere above wrytten

p me Richardū Lee.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH GRIMSDICH.¹

IN the name of God Amen The twelſe day of Julie a° 1592 an° regni dñe regine tricessimo quarto eñ I Elizabeth Grimsdich of Grimsdich in the parriah of Great Budworth in the countie of Chester widow late wiffe of John Grimsdich esquiere decessed although nowe being whole in bodie and of good pfect remembrance all prayse be to almightie God therfore yet calling to mind the certentie of death and departure hence, and also the uncertayntie of lief and welfare heere and waying withall that by extreeme sicknes memorie is eftſone much weakenned and sometyme utterlie fayleth for w^{ch} respecte as also that I would not have any sute contention or debate or so much as any unkindnes or discourtesie after my decese to aryse growe or fall out among those that unto me are most deare carefull and welbeloved, concerning such goods and cattells as God of his infinit goodnes hath lent and bestowed uppon me but that everie one heereafter by this my last will remembred would vouchsaſſe in gentle maner to accepte in good pte my affection and good will towardes everie one of them soe farre foorth as my poore abilitie extendeth and lovingly together to embrace concord unitie and amitie soe and in such sort as they with me and I with them hetherunto have done as my firme hope and confidence is they will and soe much the rather for the good love they beare and ought to beare to me Therefore I doe make this my last will &c. ffirst and principallie before all thinge I most humbly give and bequeath my soule and spirit into the handes of o^r Lord Jesu Christ my blessed saviour creato^r and eternall redeemer by whose most p^{re}cious bloudshedding my firme and undoubted hope is to be saved and therby doe steadfastly beleive all my

¹ Proved in February 1593 [1593-4].

sins to be quite washed away trusting that of his abundant clemencie and mercie he will accept me a sinner w^{ch} died for the abolishing of sinne and redemption of sinners and my bodie I will to be buried decentlie in Christs buriall deape in the earth at Darsburie soe neare the sepulchre of my late husband as conveniently may be by the discretion of mine executors heareafter named ffurther I earnestly crave and desyre for God's love p^{don} and forgiveness of all p^{sons} for everie fault and offence that I have made unto them and likwyse doe freely from the bothome of my hart release and forgive everie offence committed against me And further my last will is that all my executors shall have blacke cloth to make them mourning clokes of And after my debt^e paid funeral^e and legacies discharged my last will is that all my corne and cattell whatsoev^r shalbe sould and the money theirfore to be received to be equally devived amongst my sonne Starkey my sonne Rysley my sonne Hocnell my sonne Ashton and my sonne John Grymsdich If to my sonne Thoms G. one bull two kine one bore and hogg all my glasse in and about Grimsdich and also all my part of houshold stuffe w^{ch} I doe leave in this house of Grimsdich unbequethed If to my said sonne Thom's all the furniture and implement^e of husbandrie w^{ch} are to be used out of the house as weynes ploughes harrowes cheynes and such like Also to Ric^t Starkey my sonne Starkeyes eldest sonne fortie shilling^e to Ric^t Rysley my sonne Rysley eldest sonne twentie shilling^e Toe Tymothea Grimsdich my sonne John his daughter twentie shilling^e Toe Elizabeth Hocnell my sonne Hocknell his daughter twentie shilling^e If to Cristian my sonne Starkey his daughter two fetherbed^e w^{ch} lye uppon my bed wherin I lye myselfe the one of th^e being of huswiffes making the other of them being a bought ticke that is to say the fetherbed^e themselves matres blanket^e sheetes boulsters pillowes cov^{er}let^e cov^{er}ing hanging^e of silke and the valance of cloth of tissu wth the bedsteed and curtens of red and greene sarsnet and the other furniture of the same Also to everie of my daughters in law ten shilling^e

in money to make them se^vally a gould ring as a token of my good will toward^e them If to my daughter Starkey my best graye mare And to Cristian Ashton my sonne Ashton his daughter ten shilling^e to make her a gould ringe And also to Elizabeth Norres my cosen and god daughter ten shilling^e in money Also to Elizabeth Tutchet daughter of Mr John Tutchet one cove to goe forward with hir Also to my cosen An Hatton wiffe of Lawraunce Hatton my pillion and pillion clothing wth the bridle and harnes Also I give &c. to my soune Starkey and daughter Starkey my best covⁱng w^{ch} was given unto me by the Ladie Dutton my owne mother decessed Also I give &c. xx^s to Jane Rysley my daugh^t Rysley hir eldest daughter And xx^s to my daughter Hocknell And xx^s to my daughter Ashton to make everie of them a gould ring for my better remembrance Also to Thomas Sanders my man a feather bed of my pt of good^e wth in the house of Grimsdich a mattres a payre of sheetes a payre of blanket^e ij covⁱlet^e one boulster ij pillowes and six poundes xiiij^s iiij^d in money for his faithfull service alwayes done to me Also to Elizabeth Greene my chamb^r maid a feather bed a matres a boulster a pillow a payre of sheetes a payre of blanket^e one covⁱlet xx^s in money and one of my best kine Also to Elizabeth Dale and Margerie Smith my servant^e everie of them xx^s a pece Also to John Owden my head servant of husbandrie liij^s iiij^d a reward for his true service Also to Wiffm Penket my milner xx^s a reward for his good service willing him not to put the same to usurie Provided alwayes &c. that so many of my said servant^e to whom I have made any bequeth w^{ch} shall not be in my service at the tyme of my death shall have noe benefit of this my last will and testament Thō Sandars and Elizabeth Greene alwayes excepted Also to the poore people of the parish of Great Budworth and Darsburie fortie shilling^e to be equally devided amongst them by the discretion of my executors Also to my cosen Christopher Goodman¹ xx^s desiring him to make my funerall sermon

¹ Christopher Goodman B.D. of Brasenose College Oxon. was born in Chester in

If to my cosen Tho. Tutchet xij^s to make him a gould ring And furthermore my request and desire is to my son Tho. G. that he will pmit and suffer my executors hereafter named trulie and faithfully to pforme this my last will and testament in all thinge as my trust and confidence is that he will. And yf my said son Tho. shal molest trouble and disturbe my executors concerning the due execution of this my last will and testament soe as by reason therof my debt^e legacies and demyses may not be done payd or pformed according to my mind &c. then my full mind and last will is that al my bequethes legacies and demyses to him my said sonne Tho. by this my last will and testament made shalbe utterly voyd and of none effect &c. Ifm to Cristian Starkey my cosen Ri^c Starkey his wiffe xij^s iiij^d and to my cosen John Tutchet x^s to make them sevely a gould ring for my remembrance If I give &c. the terme and lease w^{ch} I have of Hill his ground to the younger daughters of my sonn Starkey unmarried to their only use during the terme theirin to be ordered by the direction of their mother Provided alwayes that yf Thom^s Sandars and Elizabeth Greene shall marrie together wthin one yeare next after my decease that then after the said one yeare expired the said terme lease and grond therinn conteyned shalbe during the residue of the said terme to the use [of the] said Tho. Sandars and Elizabeth Greene And yf the said Tho. Sandars and Elizabeth Greene shal not marrie together at all yet my mind and last will is that the said younger daughters shall yearly pay unto the said Elizabeth Greene for the space of five yeares next ensuing the

1519, and was a distinguished leader among the Puritans. He was one of the translators of the Geneva Bible, and a friend and associate of John Knox, having written the preface to Knox's "First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women," in 1558. In 1584 he retired to Cheshire, and was visited on his death bed by Usher, afterwards Archbishop of Armagh, who formed a high opinion of his piety. Dying in 1602, æt. 83, he was buried in Chester Cathedral. His will is valuable for the information which it gives of his family connections. He was in no way connected with the Ruthin Goodmans, who were zealous conformists to the ritual of the Church.

said first yeare next after my decease xiiij^s iiij^d yf the said Elizabeth shall live so long for a further recompence of hir good service done to me And I doe make &c. my trustie and welbeloved sones in law Tho. Starkey esquire John Rysley esquire John Hocknell esquire and John Ashton esquire my faithfull executors of this my last will and testamēt reposing my speciall trust in thē that they will faithfully sincerely and uprightly pforme accomplish and execute the same in all thinge wth cleane handes and undefyled consciences according to my true playne meaning herin declared and yf any of they said psons whom I have by this my last will and testament named to be my executors shal refuse or for his o^r their ptē not pforme this my last will and testament herin declared so far forth as he or they lawfully maye then I will and my full last will and testament is y^t all legacies and giftē made to him o^r them soe refusing o^r not pforming this my last will and testamēt shall thenceforth be utterlye voyd and of none effect and thenceforth the same legacies and bequethes shall wholly be and remayne to such of my said executors as will and shall pforme this my last will and testament according to my trust reposed in them And further my full mind and last will is that he o^r they of my said executors w^{ch} shal refuse or not pforme this my last will shal not be o^r remayne my executor or executors after such refusall or not pformance of this my last will and testament as is afforesaid ffurther I give &c. to all my said executors xx^s apeace for their paynes herin to be taken Also to my cosen Ri^c Marburie xiiij^s iiij^d and to his sonne Ri^c M. vj^s viij^d to make them se^vally a gould ring And wheras I doe not by this my last will and testament give or bequeth any thing to my sonne Henrye Grimsdich other than xl^s and Godē blessing and mine w^{ch} I freely give him the reason because I have bene verey good and bountifull mother unto him in my liffe tyme above al the residue of my children Theirfore I would not wishe my sed sonne Henrye to chalendg or clayme any more of my goodē cattels debtē or other thinge but to be wel contented wth such liberalitie as I have

alreadie bestowed uppon him ffurther I doe desire my cosen Tho. Tucthet and Riċ Mouldsworth gen^t to be overseers and furtherers of this my last will and testament And I doe give unto the said Riċ Mouldsworth xl^s for his paynes herin to be taken and also cloth for a mourning cloke ffinally I doe by this my last will and testament hartely desire all my sons sonnes in law and daughters that they will lovingly and frendly agree and unfaynedly love one an other as I have lovd them all in w^{ch} love I most humbly beseech almightie God for his tender m^ocies sake give them grace to continue all the dayes of their lives long And thus having disburthened my mind of these frayle and worldly cares I may now daylie by God^e grace prepare my thought^e and inward desires more and more to the studie of God^e high glorie the health and immortallitie of my soule and of ev^{er}lasting liffe Amen Written the daye and yeare first above written Published by the above named Elizabeth Grimsdich to be hir true and last will and testament in the presence of Riċ Mouldsworth John Grymsdich Thomas Sandars William ffoxley.

THE WILL OF JOHN DELVES OF DODDINGTON.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xxjxth day of Januarye in the yere of the raigne of oure sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. xiiijth I John Delves of Dodington in the countie of Chester

¹ Proved 30th September 1573. John Delves Esq. son of Sir Henry Delves Knt. by Cecily daughter of Richard Brook, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, London (see her inventory p. 28), married Mary, daughter of Sir William Sneyde of Bradwell Knt. by whom he had ten children. Sir Thomas Delves of Doddington Bart. the last heir male, who ob. 12th September 1725, left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Brian Broughton of Broughton Hall in the county of Stafford Bart. ancestor of Sir Henry Delves Broughton of Doddington Park Bart. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 268.

esquier beinge sicke in bodye &c. and myndinge to leave my lande goodē and chattels to my wiefe and children whom I woulde shoulde quyetlye enjoye the same without all contention do make &c. ffirste I bequethe my soule to almightie God the father of oure Lorde Jesus Christe trustinge and stedfastlye belevinge that throughe the merittē of his blessed and paynfull passion to be one of the nomb̄r that shall inheritt the kingdome of heaven whose names are written in the booke of lyefe Item I bequethe my bodye to be buryed in the churchē of Wibumburye in the sainete Marie chancell where my father and other my auncesters doe lye Item to Marie my dearly beloved wiefe all suche lande and tenem^{ts} as is to her assured bye the conveyaunce betwene Thomas Stanley esquier and me the said John D. to have and to holde duringe her naturall lyefe ffor and in the name of her joynture Also I geve &c. to my said wiefe sixe of my beste kyne syxe oxen and one amblinge geldinge And further I do geve &c. to my said wiefe and to Henry my sonne and heire all suche implemente plate and howseholde stuffe as I shall have in and aboute my howse of Dodington at the tyme of my deceasse upon condicōn that they shall agree and kepe howse joyntlye together wth the reste of my children as they shall thynke good And yf it shall fortune my said wiefe to marye ageane and to take an other husbāde or also that they will utterlye refuse to kepe howse wth my said sonne accordinge to my will then shēe to use the benefitte of the legacie towchinge all the said howseholde stuffe plate wth all other implemente of howseholde And yf my said sonne Henrye will use hym selfe unreverentlye anenste his said mother and will not be contented to kepe howse wth her accordinge to this my said will then it is my will that he lose his pte of the legacies all but of evye thinge the beste for and in the name of his heire lomes Item to evye of my yonger sonnes Rauffe D. John D. and Hugh D. one annuitie or yerlye rente of foure pounde for and duringe their said naturall lyefes Item to my daughters M^garet D. Anne D. and

Ellenor D. and to e^vye of them one hundreth pound^e toward^e their^e p^rferment^e leavinge the same somes to be levyed and received of suche lands and tenem^ent^e as be apoynted for the pay^mnt of the same by the conveyance betwen Thomas Stanley esquire and me the said John D. Item to Cicilie Hassall my sisters daughter xx^{li} in money Item I will that a true inventorie be taken of all my good^e and chatell^e quicke and deade And the same to be devyded in two ptes the one pte therof to pay my dett^e and legacies before bequested and the other pte to remayne to be equallye devydett amongst my yonger sonnes and daughters and if there be any ov^rplus of that pte that I do leave for the discharge of my dett^e and legacies I will that the same ov^rplus shalbe lykewyse devydett amongst my yonger sonnes and daughters as before Also I will and bequethe my ferme of Kele to be employed to th^e use of my yonger sonnes and daughters for and duringe all suche yeres as I have in the same ferme And if anye of my said children shall fortune to depte this transitorie lyefe at enye tyme before they shall accomplysse the age of xvj^{en} yeres and not married nor make anye will then I will that all suche good^e and chatell^e as is bequested to the said childe or children by this my said will shalbe equallye be devyded amongst the reste then lyvinge Item I will that my said wiefe Marie D. shall have the gov^rmt and custodye of Anne D. wth all her porc^on of good^e and cattall^e untyll shee shall accomplysse the age of xvj yeres or com to mareage Item I will and desyre my right worshipfull aunte M^rgrett Sheldon¹ widowe to take my daughter M^rgrett D. wth all her porc^on of good^e and chatell^e and her to bringe upp and bestowe as shee shall see juste cause Item I desyre my worship^{ull} father in law Sir Wilm Sneide knight and my brother in lawe Rauffe Sneide esquier to take [to] their custodye and gov^rmt my sonne Rauff D. and my daughter Ellenor D. wth all their porc^on

¹ In the Delves pedigree, Margaret, wife of Thomas Sheldon of Shallington in the county of Worcester, is *sister* of the testator.

of goodē and chatellē and to see them well brought upp and bestowed as may seeme to them for their welthe untill they and either shall come to th'age of xvj^{en} yeres Item I desyre my welbeloved sonne and heire Henry D. to take my sonne Hugh his brother wth all his porcōn of goodē and chatellē and to see him well brought upp and his goods well imployed to the childes use accordinge to my trust in hym reposed untill he shall accomplishe the said age of xvj^{en} yeres Item I desyre my right worship^{ull} and lovinge brother in lawe Thomas Trentham esquier to take to his custodye my sonne John D. wth all his goodē and livinge and him to kepe to learninge and so to bestowe his goodē as shall seeme beste to and for my said childes pfett untill he shall come to the full age of xvj^{en} yeres as aforesaid Also my will is that if anye of my trustie frendē before named will refuse the gov^tment and charge of suche of my said children and their goods as by this my said will I have bequested and desyred then I will that my said children and their goodē shalbe placed by the discrecōn of my executors whom I do leave in truste for the execucōn of this my said last will and testament Item my will is that Lawrence Woodnett of Rope gen^t shall either quyetlye enjoye the blake merestie or medowe which he hath taken of me by indenture duringe the yeres therin conteyned or ellē w^{thowt} any trouble or sute in the lawe to have the money repayd him w^{ch} he payd to me for the same beinge xxiiij^{li} w^{ch} money was disbursed and payd for the purchase of certen lands in Gousley of the yerelye rente of xij^s iiij^d and belonginge to the howse where John Hotchkis nowe dwellecth and for the true accomplysshement of this my said last will and testament I do ordeine &c. my dearly beloved wiefe Marie D. my right worship^{ull} and deare frendes Sir Wiffm Sneide knight and my right worship^{ull} aunt M^grett Sheldon Rauff Sneide esquier and Thomas Trentham esquier and Henrie Delves my sonne and heire my true and lawfull executors of this my said laste will and testam^t &c. And for their paynes takinge I doe geve to ev^{ry}e of them not havinge

any legacie before bequested xx^s in money to make evy of them a ringe for a token of remembrance desyringe their frendshipps in the excusōn of this my said laste will accoordinge to suche truste as I have in them reposed In witnes wherof I the said John D. to this my said laste will and testament have putt to my hande and seale of armes die et anno supradict et anno Dñi 1570 Witnes this to be the laste will and testmēt of John Delves esquier.

INVENTORY OF SIR ALEXANDER OSBALDESTON OF OSBALDESTON KNT.¹

INVENTOR̃ indent̃ om̃ bonoꝝ et catalloꝝ que fuerũt Aleḡ Osbaldeston militē die quo obiit vilꝝ decimo septimo die Januarii anno dñi millesimo quingē^o xliij^o legittime app^ociať p̃ Willelm Hodder-sall Ricm̃ Cromelome Oliverũ Cottom et Thomā Welshe-man.

¹ Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt., son of Richard Osbaldeston by Grace, daughter of Alan Singleton, was tenth in descent from Hugh, son of Ailsi de Osbaldeston, living 30th Henry III. He married, 5th Henry VII., Agnes, daughter of Sir Christopher Southworth of Samlesbury Knt., by whom he had (with others) John Osbaldeston his son and heir. He married secondly Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tyldesley of Morley [?] by whom he left a son, Richard Osbaldeston, ancestor of the Osbaldestons of Sunderland in the county of Lancaster, and of Hunmanby in the county of York.—*Suffield MSS.* Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Esq. aged 62 at the Visitation in 1664 (buried at Blackburn 11th February 1670-71) married Anne, daughter of Sir John Talbot of Salesbury Knt. by whom he had Edward Osbaldeston, his son and heir, (buried at Blackburn in 1689) who marrying Jane, daughter of Thomas Braddyll of Braddyll and Portfield Esq., had issue Jane, baptised 7th April 1679, died before 1747; Edward, baptised 10th September 1684; Anne and John, died infants; Thomas, baptised 31st March 1681, buried 25th September 1701, and Alexander Osbaldeston his son and heir, who was baptised at Blackburn 22nd May 1677, and was buried there 6th April 1747, leaving no issue. He was the last lineal heir male of this ancient family. His will was proved at Chester:

"I Alexander Osbaldeston of Preston Esq. give all my messuages, &c., (hereafter

ffyrst ther remayned in the hande of the said S^r Ale^x the said day of his deth in coyne of his owne vij^{li} xvij^s iiij^d beside thre sco^r xj^{li} xvj^s viij^d of others to hym delyv^t to kepe wherof belongyd to Alice ffaryngton xxxvj^{li} wich was enclosed in a bagg to S^r Ri^c Tydisley pst cv^s to Anne Longton xlvij^s viij^d to Robert Hoddersall lxiiij^s to Th^{os} Awart vj^{li} vij^s viij^d to Thomas Walshemā xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d And beside cvj^s viij^d that remaynyd unspend y^t he receyvid for exhibicōn of Henry Talbot I^{fm} one syl^v salt oⁿ syl^v goblet, and xiiij syl^v spones p^{rs}yd all to gether lxxvj^s I^{fm} ffether bedde mattresses shet^e cov^lette blanckette peloes hangyng^e to chamb^{ers} outrens cupp-

mentioned) to Tho^s Clayton of Little Harwood Esq^r and Henry ffaryngton of Preston upon trust to pay my debts and the following legacies viz: to my kinswoman M^{rs} Catherine Shuttleworth £500 with all my plate (except my silver cup) in recompence for her care of my mother when she lived servant with her. To M^{rs} Mary Osbaldeston of Preston £150 in trust to pay the same to M^r Osbaldeston of Sunderland or his wife or his children as she shall think fit. To M^r Tho^s Bleasdale £10 10. To my servant Thomas £500 and my silver cup, horses, furniture of my rooms and effects in my outhousing (save my books and ready cash). To my friends M^r Tho^s Starkie, M^r Ja^s Rawstorne and M^r Gilbert Woosey £20 20^s a piece for rings. To the said M^r Tho^s Starkie and M^r Gilbert Woosey all my legacys left by the will of M^{rs} Ann Bradyll to my sister Jane. To the said Tho^s Clayton and Henry ffaryngton £300 to lay out as an annuity for M^r Hugh Wadsworth. To the said Tho^s Clayton, his heirs, &c., for ever, my chapples, seats, pews, burying ground, and all my right, &c., in Blackburn church with my right of nominating a parish clerk and churchwarden there. To my acquaintance M^r Tom Stanley at Culcheth £50. To M^r Nicholas Starkie of Riddlesden in Yorkshire £20 20^s. To M^r Nicholas son of M^r William Starkie of Manchester £31 10^s. The residue, &c., to such housekeepers of the better rank as my executors shall think stand in need thereof. The said Tho^s Clayton and Henry ffaryngton my executors. Dat. 28 March 1747."

In 1778 a George Osbaldeston of Knutsford, weaver, claimed the Osbaldeston estates as heir at law to Alexander Osbaldeston Esq. who died in 1747, but failed in establishing his right. From some law proceedings in this case it appears that in 1743 Allan Harrison Esq. of Lancaster had a mortgage on the estate. By his will, dated 25th April 1752, Mr. Harrison devised the manors of Great Mearley and Osbaldeston, lands in Osbaldeston and Ribchester, &c., in the county of Lancaster, to his daughter Anne Sybele, afterwards wife of George Wilson Esq. In 1774 the Osbaldeston estate passed by sale from George Wilson and Anne Sybele his wife to Sir George Warren of Pointon, and is now in the possession of his representative the Lord de Tabley.

bur clothes covyngē to bedde &c. and for beddyng p^rsed to gether
xxiiij^{li} xj^s viij^d I^fm bassens ewers void^rs chaundlers dyshes pottē
pannes spyttē cressettē flesh tubbe chystē chayres and such oth^r
thyngē remaynyng in the kechyn and botre and els whe^r in the
howse p^rsed to gether jx^{li} v^d I^fm a hayre to a kylne a tentte lyⁿ
yorne at the webst^r and lyⁿ clothe &c. xlv^s vj^d I^fm turfwaynes
cartē ploes wheles yoke herroes temes and thyngē belongyng to
husbandry xxxv^s iij^d I^fm oxen kye and other yong bestē liij^{li} xj^s
iiij^d I^fm horses mares stagge &c. cvij^s iiij^d I^fm swyne lx^s I^fm
tannyd lether p^rsed to gether xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^fm corne in the tithe
bernes of P^rston Elston Grymso^r and Haghton &c. xjx^{li} xx^d I^fm
wheate barle and otē seved from the grounde xxxiiij^{li} I^fm wheate
on the grounde at Osbaldeston lxxv^s viij^d and at Our^dall iiij^{li} w^t
xxv^s for otē at Baler^dston I^fm dettē oghyng to the said S^r Ale^x that
be leviab^le iiij^{li} xiiij^d I^fm the said mynys^t of the goodē of the said
S^r Ale^x haith receyvyd sith his deth that was due for rentē and other
thyngē xviiij^{li} xj^s xj^d I^fm the apparell of the said S^r Ale^x w^t his
hernes and syngnet of gold p^rsed to vij^{li} Sm^c to^ls supius CCxvj^{li} jx^d
I^fm the said S^r Ale^x oghed the day of his deth to the said Alice
ffaryngton ov^o and besydē the said xxxvj^{li} that was delyv^t hym to
kepe to her use And besidē all other sumes afo^rsaid likewise delyv^d
hym to kepe and to dyv^se other p^rsons as mo^r at large apperith by
a boke of pcelles the^rof made xxxjx^{li} ij^s viij^d I^fm for reparacōn
of the tythe berne of P^rston xl^s I^fm Henry Osbaleston son to the
said S^r Ale^x and mynys^t of his goodē haith laide downe for fuf^rall
expenses of the said S^r Ale^x w^t the p^rce of certen blackē boight for
gownes kyrtyllē and jakettē to the wiff sones doight^s and servntē of
the said S^r Ale^x And w^t certen whyte clothe boight for gownes to
po^r men And w^t wheate malt rye ffysshe and other thyngē spend at
the buriall And w^t certen wage paid to his servntē And w^t vj^s viij^d
for nyght wache and lyghtē as mo^r at large apperith by a boke of
pcelle the^rof made l^j^{li} xjx^s iij^d Sm^c of the said dettē and fuf^rall ex-

penses aforesaid l^{li} xj^s iij^d The said S^r Ale^x was bounden by obligacōn to pay ye^rly to S^r Wi^lm Plūtre preest yet lyffing duryng his lif tyll he be p^rmoted to a benefice of xx^{li} ye^rly vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Ifm the^r we^r other dettē oghyng to the said S^r Ale^x the day of his deth whe^rof the most pte the^rof be desperate and lytill the^rof is supposed wylbe leviab^le and levyed amountyng in the holle as mo^r at large apperith by a boke of pcelles xxxiiij^{li} ij^s Sn^a to^{ls} off the ffuⁿall expenses detts that he oghed and other thyngē above wrytyn with all the fo^rsaid money delyv^t hym to kepe eight score and ffyve poundē vij^s vj^d And so remanyth to be distributed by the said minist^r to the wif of the said S^r Ale^x his chylder and in other dedē of charite accordyng to the law and custome l^{li} xiiij^s ij^d.

INVENTORY OF WILLIAM ASPINWALL, LATE CANON OF BURSCOUGH.

THE Inventorie of all soche goodes w^{ch} did belonge and appartaine to Syr Wi^lm Asspinwall p^rst and chanon of the late dissolved monastarie of Burscoe praysed and cessed by Rychard Lathome Thomas Morcroft Lawrance Gaskene and John Tasker the xxviiijth day of December anno Dñi 1562.

Ifm his bedde and all thinges therto appartayning and belonging xxx^s — one paire of beddestocks iij^s iiij^d — his apparell aswel gownes as all other thinges xl^s — one cupborde v^s — iij chayres and iij quishonse ij^s — iij colfers vj^s viij^d — in bokes ij^s — one brasse chaundler x^d.

THE WILL OF JOHN MASSIE, LATE ABBOT OF
COMBERMERE.¹

IN nomine Dei Amen The vth daye of february 1564 [1564-5]
I John Massie clerke late abbott of the late dissolvdyd monas-
tery of Cumbermere beinge in pfect reason &c. My body to be
buried in the north ile of Christes church and I bequethe to the
whole quyer to bury me fortie shillinge Ifm my will is that if John
Shawe do receave my pencōn that then my fyve poore beyde women
shall have cloth to make evy of them a gowne of blake cotton and evy
of them in money xij^d Unto Thomas Massie of Bromall my clothe
gowne w^{ch} is furred wth conye two table clothes and a quylte Unto
Wifm Massie the yonger my russett oustyd gowne and also my beed
w^{ch} is [in] the hawle wth all thinge therunto belonginge Unto Johan
Massie wief unto my brother Wifm Massie my short cloth gowne
Unto Sir Rondull Cotgreve a payre of flaxen sheetes Unto Rychard
Massie sonne of Wifm M. all my bookes and my best beed wherin
I have lyen. Unto the seid Rychard M. tenne pounde in redy
money (if my pencōn be gotten and receyved) to be bestowed and
delyved hym at the ovsight of his father and brother Wifm M. or
one of them Unto Wifm Kelso my serv^{nt} a gowne that is furred
wth ffoxe and the beed that he hathe lyen on wth the fetherbeed
matteres two blanckette and fourtie shillinge in money and if my
pencōn be receyved to lend hym fyve pounde for one yere uppon
suerties by hym founde for repayment therof at one yeres ende to my
other executors or one of them Unto poore Ellen the trucklebeed

¹ Proved 4th February 1564 (1564-5). John Massie was subprior of the convent in 1524, and succeeded as abbot before 1535. He surrendered the monastery into the king's hands on 27th July 30 Henry VIII., and retired upon a pension of £50 per annum. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 210.

wth the matteres and a coveringe Unto Mawde Carver a payre of sheetes and a gounne Unto Robart Moseleys wiefe a coverpane and the London pynte Unto John flecher the chaffer and the grete pewter pottell pott Also there is to be receyved of M^r Rychard Lye fyftie pounde for my pencōn for one hole yere ended at Mighelmas laste anno regni dñe Elizabethe Dei grā &c. sexto my will is that if John Shawe receave the same he shall delyv^y yt unto my brother Wiſſm Massie or his certen attorney And that after my debtē &c. dischargd my seid brother to delyv^y the rest to my other executors to be by hym [*sic*] then disposed accordinge to their discreccōns Moreov^r my will is that if John Shawe receave my seid pencōn that iij^{li} therof shalbe delyv^d unto hym for his paynes els not Ifm I constytute executors of this my last will and testament my brother Wiſſm Massie the yonger my cosyn Wiſſm Kelso my serv^{nt} and Rychard Massie And ov^rseers my welbeloved frendē Sir John Meyre clerke and John Taylor And I utterly revoke all other former testamentē &c. thies beinge witnes Sir John Meyre clerke John Taylor Also Thomas Saunders als Steward is indebted unto me by bill of his hand in the some of xl^l.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BOOTH OF DUNHAM GENT.¹

IN the name of God Amen January 3^d 1558 [1558-9] and I Elizabeth I Robert Bowth of Downnam gentleman b[eing] in good &c. my body to be buryed wthin the parrishe churche of

¹ Proved 31st March 1573. Robert, younger son of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. See *Wills and Inventories*, 1st portion, pp. 49, 93.

Bowdden betwyxt my mother and my syster Cyssely in the chap[el] of Jesu theire Also my goodē &c. I gyve to the pformance of the last wyll and testamentē of Elsabeth my mother and Cyssely [my] syster decessed whose sowles Jesu pdon I gyve unto Wyll^m Bowth my nevow esquyre one of my best beddē wyth all that longē therto and unto the said Wyll^m my best gweldinge Ifm unto my brother John Bowth a golde rynge and my next beste gwelldinge Ifm unto my syster Dorythe Tatton one golde rynge and ten pounce of lawfull Englishe money Ifm unto my syster Ann Massye one rynge of golde and ten pounce of lawfull Englishe money Unto Elsabeth M. the doughter of Wyll^m Massye esquyre the some of xx^{ti} markē of lawfull Englishe money Unto Elsabeth Bowth and Ann B. doughters unto my brother George B. decessed to eyther of them iiij markē a pice Unto Elsabeth Elnor and Jone Carrington eyche of them xl^s a pice To Katryne Dampont my goddoughter one golde rynge Unto Robert Bowth my godson xx^{ti} nobles of lawfull money Unto my cossen George Bowth of Alterchame v markē Unto evy man servaunt and woman servaunt wythin my house x^s a pice Unto the churche of Bowden a sylver challice wyth a patten and xx^{ti} of money to be contynewally prayed for their I wyll that my executors shall bestow amonge the poore and nydy people wthin the pische of Bowden the some of xx^{ti} poundē Unto Thomas Cleoworth a newe coote My neyvowe Wyll^m Bowth esquyre shall have the occupacōn of all souche landē and tentē that my father dyd gyve &c. for the pformance of hys wyll and the maryage of my systers and he to entre into the same at the feast of Seynt Martyne the bushopp in wynter next after my decese so that he be bounden wth iiij sufficient surties wyth hym in the some of ij hundreth poundē unto my executors that he shall pay unto Robert Bouthe my uncle his executors or assignes yerely the hole some of xlvij poundē xv^s sex pens at the feast of the nativtie of Seynt John Baptist and Seynt Martyne the bushopp in wynter untill souche tyme as my fathers

wyll be pformed and my syster Cisselyes legacies be fulfilled Unto Syr Hew Cowopp chaplayne for the space of iij yeres to synge for the sowles of my father my mother my cister myne owne sowle and all chrysten soules yerely the some of xx^{ti} nobles the yere yf the law of the realme wyll yt pmytt yf not the said S^r Hew to have in fre legacye fyve marke in money to pray for us All the rest of my goodē &c. to be bestowed unto the use of the poore according to the discrecion of my executo^{rs} whome I do ordeyne &c. John Grymesditch of Grymesditch esquier and Dorothy Tatton my syster and my cossen Els..... Massye ande my uncle Robert Bowth Richarde Awyn my servaunt And I wy..... M^r Grymesditch shall have for hys paynes v marke and my..... Robert Bowthe v marke and to Richard Awyn v pounce and all my best rayment of every pcell the best In wytnes &c. p me Adam Woode..... recto^r eccleⁱe bte Bowden Sir Hugh Bowth.

THE WILL OF JOHN SMALLWOOD, RECTOR
OF COPPENHALL.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xijth day of Julie in the yeare of oure Lord God 1578 I John Smalwoode clerke pson of Coppenhall in the countie of Chester sicke of bodie &c. ffirste I comende my soule to almightie God the Father the Sonne and the Holie Ghoste beleving unfaignedlie to be saved by that one oblacō of Christe Jesus my redeem⁹ fynished uppon the crosse. Secondlie my bodie I commytt to the earthe to be buried in the chanceill of Cop-

¹ Proved 30th June 1584. Dr. Ormerod does not give the date of Smallwood's institution but his name occurs as rector in proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court at Chester in May 1563.

penhall aforesaid toward^e rep^acōn of w^{ch} said churche I bequethe iij^e iij^d And thirdlie my goodd^e temporall I bequethe to the wourlde to be devided and distributed as followth Imp^rmis to him y^t shalbe my successor or pson after me and to his successors^e after him the bed-case in the plo^r wth the hanging^e abowte the same the presse wherein my book^e have bene accustomed to lye wth locke and kay to the same wth one tubbe of stone and the greateste troughe of stone abowte the howse I^m to M^r Thomas Willbraham of Woodhaye esquier one crosse bowe wth the racke to the same w^{ch} M^r Thomas Minshull of Erdsewicke nowe hathe in his keeping I^m to the said M^r Thomas Minshull my crossebowe wthout the nutte wth the racke to the same and the boulte I will shalbe devyded betwixte them two according to the nature of the bowe I^m I testifie that the racke w^{ch} I have geven to M^r Wilbraham is a Frenche racke and doeth appteane to Wi^lm Sounde of Torpley and he hath of my [*sic*] a pryse stone bowe and a racke to a crossebowe I will y^t if he cleame his racke he shall yeeld backe to M^r Wilbraham the said pryse stone bowe and racke I^m I geve to M^r Thomas Wilbraham a sheiffe of arrowes wth barbed heades I^m to M^r Massy of Coddington I geve an arrowe case of strawe wth locke and kay and the arrowes therein yf he be then lyvinge and not otherwise I^m whereas Thomas Hall blacksm^ythe hath the greateste pte of a clocke of myne I will that the pishoⁿs of Coppin-hall shall have bothe yt and ²ten timber of myne to make the frame wthall uppon condiccōn yt be sett upp and mayntayned to goo in Coppinhall steple but yf they will not bestowe coste uppon yt and sett yt upp then I will that yt remeane to myne executor^e I^m to Cateren my base daughter I geve one fetherbedd and boustere and one copherlett and one mattrasse and one cov^ying and one potte and one panne and two payre of sheet^e and one bourde clothe I^m to M^r Thom^s Elcocke¹ pson of Bartomley I bequethe my brasail staffe and

¹ He was instituted to the rectory of Barthomley, 24th March 1576-7, on the presentation of Robert Fullehurst of Crewe, the living being vacant by the death of Robert Kinsey the late rector. — *Chester Registry*.

a postill uppon the Epistles and Gospells w^{ch} is cov^d wth p^{ch}em̄ also he hath two postells of o^r pisshe also to M^r Woodde vic. of Wibunburie I bequethe the booke w^{ch} he hathe of myne for remembrance Ifm to Rog^r Cartwrighte I geve &c. all my booke and my will ys that Randle Cartwrighte if he applie his booke shall have some pte of the booke suche as will stande him in steede Ifm I will that Thomas Cartwrighte shall have the howse w^{ch} was his late fathers taken for him wth my goodd^e Ifm all the reste of my goodd^e cattall^e and debt^e quicke and deade moveable and immoveable of what kynde or in whose hand^e soe^v they be (myne owne debt^e legacies and fuⁿall expence being discharged of the whole) I geve &c. to Ellyne my servantte Moreov^r I constitute ordeane and make John Shawe clerke Withm Smalwood and Elline my said servauntt my true and lawfull executo^{rs} to doo execute and accomplishe this my laste will and testam̄ accordinge to the confidence w^{ch} I repose in them and according to the true intente and meaning of the same Theis witnesses &c. Withm Hickinson Antonie Hickinson Thomas Phillippes and others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM TRAFFORD GENTLEMAN.¹

IN the name of God Amen I Wyllm Trafford within the countie of Lancastre gentylman beying holle of mynde &c. And therefore I the seid Withm Trafforde Decembr 27th 1545 and 37 Henry VIII. my testament and last wyll doe make &c. ffyrst I comytte my soule &c. [my] bodie I bequethe to be buryed in Jhus

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son of George Trafford Gent. of Garrett Hall, Manchester, descended from Robert Trafford, the first of Garrett, a third son of Sir Henry Trafford of Trafford Knt. who was living in the time of Edward II.

chapell within the parasshe churche of Manchest^r at the northende of the so nere as can be where the preste stondyth the gospell Also I constitute &c. my trusty and ved in Cryste Margaret Trafforde my mother the true execucon and pformance of this my said last wyll And also I wyll that the Right Wurschipfull Syr Alexander Radcliffe Knyght and Thomas Leghe my brother in lawe shalbe supervysors of this my seid last wyll and testament To Margaret Trafforde my mother my leasse wyche I have of the ulnage and subsidie within the countie palatyne of Lancaster^r and all my interest therin duryng the holle terme of yeres in the same leasse specified if she so long doe lyffe withe all comodities pfettes, and advantages to the same office appertenynng to thentēt that she withe the yssues and pfettes comyng and groyng of the same office shall fulfyll and performe this my last wyll and testament in man^r and forme as hereaft^r shalbe declared ffyrst I wyll that my seid mother shall receyve and take the holle renewes issues and pfettes comyng and groyng of the seid office to the paymēt of my dettes and to thuse and pfermēt of Thomassyn T. and Alice T. my sustres unto suche tyme as the sūme of CC markes be taken up therapon and the same to be equally distributed betwyx thē towards their pferment and mareage if they wylbe ordered and advysed therin by my seid mother and my seid supvysors and their heyres And if either of them wyll not be ordered and advysed by my seid mother in their seid mareage or do misgyde themselfe then I wyll that suche of them as soe dothe mysordre thēselfe to have no part of my seid goedes nor bequestes And if it fortune either of the seid Thomassyn and Alice my sustres or outhur of them to mysgyde thēselfes or els to die before they be pferred to mareage then I wyll that Anne Shalcros Iseabell Leghe¹ and Jane Downes² my systres shall

¹ She married Thomas Legh of East Hall in High Legh Esq. who by will dated 29th October 1589, and proved at Chester 21st January 1589-90, bequeathed to his grandson, George Legh, his lease of the "Aulnershipp in the Countie of Lancaster."

² Jane, wife of Reginald Downes of Downes and Taxall in the county of Chester Esq.—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 379.

have every of them xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d parcell of the CC m^okes before specified Iſm that immediatlye after the CC m^okes aforesaid is taken up of my seid office that there shalbe yerely gyven duryng the tyme that my seid lease doethe contynue to the amending of Chetam lowne Market stydde lowne the lowne towardes Trafforde Salfort lowne to every one of them yerely vj^s viij^d Iſm I wyll that immediatly aft^r my decesse there shalbe yerely one obite to p^oy for my saule and all cristen saules in the churche of Manchest^r And that there shalbe bestowed and gyffen for the same obite yerely xiiij^s iiij^d Iſm if it fortune my mother to dee before the yeres wiche I have in the forseid office of ulnage and subsidie shalbe determēt and endett then I wyll that my seid supervisors or suche of them as then shall fortune to be lyvyng or theire heyres if the seid supervisors be not then on lyve shal have the same office to the pformance of this my last wyll and aft^r the pformacōn therof shall dispose the issues and pfettes comyng and groyng therof in dedes of charite for my saule and all crysten saules Iſm unto the ryght wurshipfull Syr Ale^x Ratcliffe for hys paynes to be taken in seyng this my seid last wyll pformed a jaket of fyne lukes velvet and a castynet botell of sylv^r and dowble gylt To my brother Rauffe Trafforde a new gowne of ffrenche puke lyned withe saten To my brother Tho^s Leghe a new dowblet of blacke satten To my brother Ri^{ch} Shalcrosse my newe boke covered withe velvet and clasped withe sylv^r To my cosyn Edmonde Prestwyche my ryng of golde withe a ston of amias withe lres in it of R and E To Rob^t ffecccher my bronde flaske ryng of golde Iſm I wyll that my bokes of the statutes before the kynges tyme and sythens hys tyme shall contynue and remayne withe suche person or persones as shall have and enioye my forseide office To my cosyn James Hulme of Deffe Hulme [Davy-Hulme] my new velvet cappe To my uncle Stevⁿ Hulme my ryng withe toe stones in hyt To my cosyn Tho^s Massy of Wykelesweke my best purse To Rob^t Shawe my gowne faced withe mynkys and welted withe tawnye velvet To Petur Motte

my cappe withe parchemēt lace and my new cote that I dyd ryde in to London lyned withe bukkeram To Syr Rog^d Irelonde my sylke hatte and my trussyng coffur bandet withe yron and lyned within To my servantes James Baurdemā and Wyllm Reade eyther of them vj^s viij^d To my sust^r Elyn Shawe my best new coveryng of arras worke wrought withe sylke To every servyng mā and woman that my mother hathe ij^s Iſm I wyll that at the day of my buryall my saule masse and dirige shalbe songen in the quere in the church of Manchest^r Iſm I wyll that there shalbe seid for my saule the day of my buriall xxx masses and to say the same masses in as short space toged^d as they cōvenyentlie can and evy of the same xxx^{ti} prestes to have viij^d And that syr Rog^d Irelonde shall distribute the money amongst the seid prestes Iſm I wyll that there shalbe gyven the same day of my buriall xij blacke gownes to xij pore men suche as my seid mother shall thenke most nedefull Iſm I wyll that immediatly aft^r my decesse the gret bell shalbe rongen and a saule kuy [?] Iſm I wyll that so sone as I sett forwarde towarde the clurche the gret bell shall begynne to ryng and soe to contynue ryngyng unto evenyng And that the clerkes shall have for theire paynes therin iiij^s and that no other bell be rongen for me the day of my buriall bot only the gret bell Wreton the day and yere above specified These beyng wyttones Syr Ale^x Radclyffe James Hulme Tho^s Massy Syr Roger Irelonde and Rob^t Shaghe.

Hec sunt debī^t q̄ debeo Inp^mmis Ad^m Byrom v^{li} Iſ Edmūde Shaw iiij^{li} Iſ Ri^c Galley iij^{li} Iſ Rauff Trafforde iij^{li} iiij^s viij^d Iſ Tho^ms Ryddelstones xx^s Iſ Ri^c Shalcrosse jx^s Iſ the rent of my chamber iiij^s iiij^d S^m to^{lis} xvj^{li} xvij^s.

THE WILL OF SIR WILLIAM BOOTH OF
DUNHAM KNT.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen November 25th 1579 I Wiſſm Bouth of Dunh^m Maſſie in the com. of Cheſtre knight do make my laſt will &c. fiſt I geve and bequeath my ſoull &c. and my boddie to the earth Unto my wief ov^y and beſides her third pte of my goodde the chaine of golde w^{ch} I brought wth me laſt from London weighing aboute xxx^{li} and one other ſmall chaine one carcanett of gold one paire of braselettē of gold two ſutes of borders of gold and one ſingle border of gold one tablet of gold wth all the ringes ſhe was accuſtomed to weyre and certen ſmall buttons of golde enameled black and white three little gilt bowles wth my third ſoilt² and wth all my houſehold ſtuffe nowe remayninge at Steyley Unto my ſonne George all the reſt of my plate reſervinge one doſſ. of ſpoones of the worſer ſort w^{ch} I geve to my wief To my ſonne George my beſt chaine wth my ſignet all my leades at Dunh^m and Carington allthe iron bonne wheeles at Dunh^m and Carington wth they cheines and the reſt of the furniture therunto belonginge I do alſo geve all my beddinge betwene my wief and my ſonne George indifferentlie to be devided betwene them wth the bedſtockē and all the furniture belonginge to the ſame To my ſaid ſonne George all my apparell wth all my gold buttons except the ſame I have before gevin to my wief Ifm my will is to beſtowe all the naparye ware betwene my wief and my ſonne George equallie to be devided To my coſin Wiſſm Tatton my grey horſe To M^r

¹ Proved 10th December 1579. Sir William Booth of Dunham Maſſey Knt., ſon and heir of George Booth Eſq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley, by whom he had a numerous iſſue. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

² i.e. ſalt-cellar.

Rich. Warburton and to M^r Wiſſm Leceſtre either of them a geldinge to be deliued to them at the discreccōn of myne executor To Wiſſm Duncalfe my caſt of ffawcons my baie trottinge nagge and my ſettinge ſpaniell To my ſonne George all the implemente of my kitchen excepte my wiewes third part To my ſonne George my teſtor of crimelin velvet wth valaunce therto agreable crimelin velvet to cov^r two chaires three buffet ſtooles cov^d wth cloth of gold two carpette of blew cloth for the longe table and the ſquare table iiij^{or} pillowes for windowes imbrodard one of blew velvet one of crimelin velvet one of black ſatten and the iiijth of blew ſattin of Bridges¹ vj curteins of red and grene ſaie for ij bedde To my wief one teſtor of white ſattin of Bridges wth curteins of white ſarsenet therto belonginge To my ſonne Wiſſm Bouth one yoke of ſtures nowe at Steley the one brinded and the other red of color Ifm where ther is a debt growen to me bie Rob^t Hollingsworth of twentie pound my will is he ſhall have the half therof forgiven hym as my giefte Ifm the reſt of my gooddes unbequeathed my fuhall^e and my debte discharged I geve amongeſt my daughters to be devided equallie amonge them To my welbeloved mother my ſealinge ringe usuallie worne apon my little finger To my brother Davenpte all my houndes To e^vry one of my ſiſters one gold ringe viz. my ſiſter Davenpte² my ſiſter Chauntrell and my ſiſter Done³ to be deliued bie my wief To my coſin Wiſſm Tatton M^r George Brereton and Edmond Jodrell all my fightinge cocke and hennes Ifm I will that if all my daughters do die before mariage as God defend that then my ſonne

¹ Bridges, a kind of thread. — *Halliwel*. Qu. from Bruges, famous for its tapeſtries.

² Mary wife of Randle Davenport of Henbury Eſq., and Elizabeth, wife of William Chantrell of Bache near Cheſter.

³ Ellena Done, only daughter and heiress of James Done of Utkinton Eſq., ſecond husband of Elizabeth Booth, the teſtator's mother. She married John Done of Utkington and Flaxyards Eſq. and died 23rd Auguſt 1590.— *Ormerod* vol. i. p. 402; and vol. ii. p. 133.

and heire shall have take and receive all such money as I have gevin and appointed bie other conveyance bie dede indented to be paid unto them for their pferment in and to mariage Unto my brother in lawe Mr John Done my best baie nagge and my pide horse nowe at Stely To my doughter in lawe Jane Bouthe¹ a blacke amblinge nagge that was Mr Caringtons and a gold bruche To my brother in lawe Mr Peter Warburton my best grey nagge that I was accustomed to ride apon my self and my lute To my brother in lawe Mr George Warburton a younge cole black nagge To Mr Vicare² of Rachdale iiij^{li} To Wifm Leigh my longe black cloake To George Holme my best paire of virginalls To Thom's Johnson xx^s To Wifm Willmson xx^s To George Redish fortie shillinge To John Berye xx^s To Edmond Lingart xx^s To Edmond Pownall xx^s To Raffe Dain xx^s To Robte Whetley xx^s To Robte Lingart x^s To Wifm Heneshawe xx^s To John Bawdon junior xx^s To John Basnet xx^s To Wifm Moreton x^s To John Hankinson xx^s To Wifm Pker xx^s To Thom's Coke xx^s To John Newton x^s To Wifm Leather x^s To George Moores x^s I do ordeine &c. my welbeloved wief Dame Elizabeth Bouthe Peter Warburton of Arley esquier Rafi Davenpte of Henbury esquier Wifm Tatton of Withenshawe esquier and George Brereton of Ashley esquier my true and lawfull executo^{rs} In witnes &c. John Egerton John Done Rich. Eaton

Wifm Bouth.

¹ Jane, daughter and heiress of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., and first wife of Sir George Booth Knt., who was created a Baronet in 1611. She died without issue, but Sir George Booth retained possession of the Carrington estates. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

² Rev. Richard Midgley. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 177 et seq.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RADCLIFFE MILITIS.¹

Jesus esto mihi Jesu.

IN Dei nomine Amen I John Radcliffe of Ordsall in the countie of Lancaster knighte beeinge of good and pfit memorye and of good healthe in bodie thankē bee unto allmightie God for that I have di^vs little children both yonger sonns and daughters which bee

¹ No date of probate. Sir John Radcliffe, son of Sir William Radcliffe of Ordsall Knt. by Margaret, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill Esq., by whom he had (1) Sir Alexander Radcliffe, baptised at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 2nd January 1573-4, slain in Ireland in 1599. (2) Sir William, slain at Blackwater in Ireland in 1598, fighting against Hugh, Earl of Tyrone. (4) Edmund, and (5) Thomas, both baptised 15th June 1587, and slain in battle in French Flanders in 1599 [the monumental brass states that they died of fever]. Margaret, favourite maid of Queen Elizabeth, died at Richmond of grief at the loss of her two brothers, 10th November 1599. Jane married Sir Ralph Constable; Anne and Alice died young; and Sir John Radcliffe, third son and eventually heir, married Alice, daughter of Sir John Byron of Clayton, by whom he had an only son, Sir Alexander Radcliffe K.B. — Burke's *Commoners*. Sir Alexander Radcliffe was buried at the Collegiate Church 14th April 1654, and appears to have been the last of the family who resided at Ordsall. The following is Dodsworth's copy (taken in 1640) of the inscription on the monumental brass in Manchester Cathedral, in memory of this family:

Dei moy aidera

Memoria sacrorum.

Hic juxta maiorum cineres sub certa spe resurrectionis ad gloriam requiescunt corpora D'ni Joh'is Radclyffe de Ordeshall militis & Annæ ux'is suæ filis & heredis Thomæ Ashaw de Hill armigeri ex qua procreavit (preter quatuor filias) D'n'm Alexandrum Radclyffe filium suum primogenitum militem Willielmum Radclyffe filium secundum p' amore et zelo in principem et patriam in bello Hibernensi contra Hugonem Comitem Tironn (proditorem illum profligatissimum) sine prole peremptos Edmundum & Thomam Radclyffe gemellos in Gallo Belgia martem sequentes febris improles correptos et D'n'm Joh'em Radclyffe militem filium tertium, qui fugæ et timoris nescius solique Anglicanæ gloriæ & suæ virtutis memor, in Insula de Ree magna cum fortitudinis suæ laude demicans occubuit, relinquens ex Alicia consorte sua, filia Joh'is Biron de Novo loco in com. Nott. militis D'n'm Alexandrum Radclyffe militem a Balneo modo superstitem, qui hoc monumentum (licet ipsorum meritis suoque in

unprovided for not knowinge where it shall please God to take mee to his m^y doe make &c. ffirste I bequeathe my soule unto almighty God willinge him of his greate m^y to have compassion on mee and trustinge throughe the passion blood sheedinge and deathe of Jesus Christe his onlye sonne to bee on of the electe companye of heaven with the blessed Virgin Marie and all saincte Allso I will that my bodie to bee buried in the chauncell in the church of Manchester beetwixte the quire doore and the stepps amongste myne auncestors beeinge the buriall of thinheritaunce of this house they of the church havinge the disposicō of the clothe of the hears after the same hath continued ov^r the dead corps by the space of on whole yeare Allso where I have made a gifte of my goodē and chattels to my frendē uppon confidence I will that that shall bee pformed accordinge to the true meaninge the residue omitted or commensince I will and bequeathe to my three daughters Margrett Jane and Anne Allso I will &c. unto my yong^e sonne Wiſſm Radcliffe all my landē and tenementē in Normābye and Claptone within the county of Lincolne Unto the saide Wiſſm all my landē and tenementē within the county of Darbie Unto the saide Wiſſm all my landē and tenementē in the pishe of Rochdale to have and enioye the same and all the pmissē for and duringe all his naturall lyfe Unto John R— my yong^e sonne all my landē and tenementē in the countie of Nothingam Unto the saide John all my lands and tenementē in Mostin within the county of Lancaster to have and enioy all the pmissē for and duringe all his naturall lyfe Allso I will that as leases commen upp or end or as tennauntē doe dye that they shall make their

ipsos debito impar) pro symbolo tamen pietatis et reverentiæ suæ in parentes charissimos hic locari curavit die [*sic*] Octobris Anno incarnationis Verbi millesimo ccccxxx°. Sepultus est p'd'ctus Dom. Joh'es Radclyffe senior undecimo die Febr' a° D'ni 1589, et p'd'cta Anna relicta sua e vivis decessit decimo die Januarii a° D'ni 1629 ætatis suæ 87. — Dodsworth's *MSS.* vol. cxlvii. fo. 18. See the *History of the Foundations in Manchester*, vol. ii, pp. 288-90; *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 172, Note.

moste commoditye advauntage and pfitt of all the lande bestowed
 upon them Allso I will and require myne executors to bee further-
 rers of the same and to helpe them to make theire pfitt in yearlie
 settinge the same from yeare to yeare for I would have them well
 broughte upp in vertue and learninge soe that after they shall accom-
 plishe the age of xiiijth years I would have them to Oxford or Cam-
 bridge there to continue till on of them bee able to goe to the inns
 of Courte if it bee his pleasure or to tarrye and pceede in y^e Univ^{rs}ity
 and I would wishe on of my sonnes to pceede in the civill lawes
 eith^r in England or when hee shall bee of ability to travell then for
 to goe beehind the seas for his bet^t furtherance in learninge and not
 to dwell and continue in this cuntrey but for a tyme to come to see
 theare moth^r broth^r and frendes and not to tarrye in this cuntreie
 ovlonge Allso I will &c. all the residue of my lande and tenemente
 unto my lovinge wife for and duringe soe longe as shee shall live
 keepinge herselfe sole and unmarried to thentente that shee shall wth
 suche goode and the lande as I doe leave bestowe upon ev^{ry} one of
 my three daughters the somme of one thowsande marke a peece ov
 and beeside theire fynding yearlie for theire meate, drinke, clothes,
 learninge and other necessaries And if it shall fortune as God forbid
 my saide wyfe either to departe this lyfe or to bee married beefore the
 saide somme bee levied then I will that myne executors shall have
 all my lande tenemente and rente untill suche time as the saide
 sommes of three thowsande marke bee levied and taken Allso I will
 that if any of my daughters shall fortune to decease beefore mariage
 that then the somme of money allotted to that daught^r shall cease
 and end Allso I doe will and require my leasses and myne executors
 to deale soe wth my lande and goode that therewth and wth the helpe
 of my tennante they would by the mariage of my eldest sonne y^t hee
 bee not married wthin age but marye his wyfe wth the advise of his
 kinred and frende Allso I doe constitute and make Anne my welbee-
 loved wyfe my lovinge cosenes Raphe Bartō Edward Tilldisley

Christopher Annd^otonne Lenorde Chorlay esquiers and Humfrey Worintchham [*sic*] my true and lawfull executors willinge and charginge them and evie of them as they will answere, at the dreadfull day of judgment to see this my will p^rformed accordinge to the true intente and meaninge In wittnes hereof I have subscribed my name Witnesses Randle Clife Laurence Haworth John Duncalfe George Pendleton John Pollet.

John Radcliffe.

A trewe and perfitte inventory indented and made of all the goodē and chattelē of S^r John Radcliffe of Ordsall knighte late deceased praysed by William Garstange Richard Smithe Richarde Wadsworth and William Shawe sworne to prease the same the xxiiijth day of ffebruary and in y^e two and thirtithe yeare of ou^r so^vaigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace &c.

Imp^rmis drawen oxen xljx — cxxx^{li} I^tm kyne and bulls cxx^{tie} — coll^{li} I^tm steares hefferes twinters and stearkes cx — clvj^{li} I^tm calves lxxxxiij — lxvj^{li} vj^s viij^d I^tm fatt oxen iiij — jx^{li} x^s I^tm sheepe cccclxxjx — lxxx^{li} I^tm horses geldingē mares and coultē xlj — lxxxv^{li} I^tm in swine geese and pullē xv^{li} I^tm in corne hay and graines in y^e barnes cx^{li} I^tm in corne and graines growinge xxxvij^{li} I^tm in malte and corne in y^e garner v^{li} I^tm in coine and silver plate coll^{li} I^tm in ffetherbedē matrasses boulsters pillowes and carpetē blanketē testers hangingē curshions bedstockē stooles chears and cubbordē clx^{li} I^tm sheetē bordeclothes towels napkins naparye and linen clothe xlvj^{li} I^tm in pew^r brasse candelstickē fryinge panes browches and goubirnes xxvj^{li} vj^s viij^d I^tm in chestē cowfers and arke jx^{li} I^tm in bordē formes stooles and chears iiij^{li} xiiij^s viij^d I^tm stūde brewingē vessell tubbs and oth^r treene ware xij^{li} I^tm in husbādry stuffe and thingē beeloning to husbandry xvj^{li} I^tm cheeses tallow butt^o and other victualls xij^{li} vj^s viij^d I^tm slate glasses milne stonēs yorne stuffe beeloningē to the milnes trowes grindles stone trouges and a

still viij^{li} Iſm sacke window sheete yorne ashes and salte lj^s Iſm a
coweche saddles bridles and stuffe beelonginge to rydinge vj^{li} xiiij^s
viij^d Iſm in apparell for his bodie xx^{li}.

Suñ totalis mccccxviij^{li} viij^s viij^d.

THE INVENTORY OF SIR EDMUND TRAFFORD OF TRAFFORD KNT.¹

A trewe and pfecte inventory of all suche goodes and cattales as
weare S^r Edmounde Traford knyghte at the tyme of his deathe
viewed and praysed by us William Johnsoune Richarde Jennkin-
sonn &c. 27^o Maii 1590.

Imprimis in the plor tables coveringe quishens and stooles ij^{li} xiiij^s
iiij^d In the dyninge chambr Iſm iij tables carpett^e formes stwooles
and quishens v^{li} vj^s viij^d In the yellowe chābr Iſm in fether beddes
mattres blankett^e and other furniture beelonginge to the same viij^{li}
In my L: chamber Iſm in beddes and furniture beelonging to the same
vij^{li} In the mere [inere?] chamber to my L: chamber Iſm bedde
mattresses bowlstres and other furniture of iij^{li} vj^s viij^d In my M^r his
chamber Iſm bedde mattres and other thinge belonginge to the
same iij^{li} In the nexte chamber Iſm in beddes and coverlett^e xl^s

¹ Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. son and heir of Sir Edmund Trafford, by Anne, daughter of Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall, married first, Mary, third daughter of Edmund Lord Howard, third son of Thomas second Duke of Norfolk, by whom he had no issue. He married secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft, and widow of Sir Randle Mainwaring of Peover, by whom he had two daughters, and a son Edmund, ancestor of Sir Humfrey de Trafford Bart. of Trafford Park. — *Suffield MSS.* He was buried at the Collegiate Church, 21st May 1590.

in Mr^{is} Elizabeth hir chamber Iſm in ffether beddes matres bolsters and other furniture iij^{li} In the childrens chamber Iſm ffetherbeddes mattresses bolsters and other thinges beelonginge to the same xl^s In the nursery Iſm in beddinge and other thinge beelonging to the same xxvj^s viij^d In M^r Withm his chamber Iſm one bed and furniture beelonginge to the same xxvj^s viii^d In S^r Edmonde his chamber Iſm one bed and furniture beelonging to the same iij^{li} In the backe chamber Iſm one bed and furniture beelonging to the same xl^s In Mathew his chamber Iſm in bedde pillowes and oth^r furniture xl^s In the greene chamber Iſm ffetherbedde mattresses and such thinge beelonginge to the same xxxij^s viij^d In the knighte chamber bedde mattresses blanchette and oth^r furniture belonging vj^{li} xij^s iij^d In the white chamber Iſm in bedde mattresses blanchette and all oth^r thinge iij^{li} In the nexte chamber to the white chamber Iſm one bedd and furniture x^s In the corner chamber Iſm bedde and furniture beelonginge to the same x^{li} In the backe chamber Iſm one bedd and furniture to the same xx^s In the bricke buyldinge Iſm in bedde and all oth^r furniture beelonginge v^{li} In the closett Iſm one bedd and furniture for the same xxxij^s iij^d In the lower bricke buyldinge Iſm in beddinge and furniture to the same xxvj^s viij^d In the chappell chamber Iſm in beddinge and the furniture beelonginge to the same xl^s In the brew howse chamber Iſm one bedd and clothes for the same x^s In the kitchin chamber Iſm on bedd x^s In the fawlikeners chamber Iſm on bedd and furniture xx^s In the horsekeepers chamber Iſm on bedd and clothes for the same xx^s In the portars warde Iſm in beddinge there xxvj^s viij^d In Baxters chamber Iſm one bedd and furniture xij^s iij^d In Lasie his chamber Iſm in beddinge theare xx^s In the schoollem^m chamber Iſm one bedd and furniture for the same xx^s In the third chamber to S^r Edmonnd chamber In the backe house xx^s In the vaie house Iſm in suche furniture as beelongeth to the same l^s In the kitchen Iſm all suche furniture as beelongeth to the same v^{li} In

melche cattell Iſm ſeven and xxx^{ti} kyne lx^{li} vj^s viij^d Younge cattell to the ſomme of xij^{li} Iſm ſeaven calves xl^s Iſm in oxen xxv^{li} Iſm ſeaven bullockes xij^{li} Iſm S^r Edmund his apparell xij^{li} vj^s Iſm in ſwyne younge and ould xj^{li} x^s The pantrye Iſm in lynnens and nappery xl^s The plate Iſm two baſſens and ewers and other ſmale plate xx^{li} Iſm two butt^ç and hogaheades xl^s Iſm in ſheet^ç napkins and other linnens x^{li} Bryne houſe Iſm furniture in the bryne houſe ij^{li} vj^s viij^d Iſm in nages and mares xx^{li} Iſm plowes waines and cart^d and other thinge beelonginge to the ſame ij^{li} vj^s viij^d.

THE WILL OF EDWARD OSBALDESTON OF
OSBALDESTON ESQ.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xvth day of June 30 Elizabeth et anno Dñi 1588 I Edwarde Osbaldeston of Osbaldestō in the county of Lan^c beinge in ſownde and pfecte healthe and remembrance thank^ç bee to God but wayeinge and consideringe my weake fraile nature I knowe moſte certainly that by deathe I ſhalbee drawn hence but of the time thereof moſte uncerten and thereof doe ordaine &c. firſte I bequeathe my ſoule &c. I will that my body ſhalbee buried in my chappell wthin the piſhe church of Blackborne And for my worldly good^ç I give and bequeathe as hereafter doth followe

¹ Proved 25th September 1590. Edward, ſon and heir of John Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Eſq. by his firſt wife, Margaret, daughter of George, Lord Strange, ſon of Thomas, firſt Earl of Derby, married Maud, daughter of Sir Thomas Halsall of Halsall Knt. (marriage covenant dated 10th April 2 Edward VI.) by whom he had three ſons, John his ſon and heir, Geoffrey, Chief Juſtice 30 Elizabeth, and Hamlet. *Suffield MSS.* For notices of this family ſee *The Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 166.

firste my sonne John O. shall have vj of my beste fetherbedde
 savinge one wth all furniture and thinge thereto belonginge accordinge
 to my father his will and that all the reste of my saied good^e all my
 debt^e of the whole beinge firste paied shalbee devided into iij equall
 pte so neare as is possible the firste pte whereof I geave &c. unto
 Mawlde O. my wief the seconde pte unto Geoffrey O. and Hamlett
 O. my sonnes to bee equally devided betweene them And for my
 thirde and laste pte my full expenses beinge firste discharged I
 geeve &c. as hereafter doth followe firste unto my sonne John O.
 ij of my plowes ij harrowes one corne waine and one turfe wayne of
 the beste wth wheelles teames horsegeare wth such like to them be-
 longinge the longe table in the plor all the bord^e and tables and
 fourms in the hall at O. the greate ambry in the buttrey the greate
 brewingge leade the greate brewingge knopp and the leade under yt in
 the brewe howse the beste combe iij hogge head^e and iij barrells the
 greate beif pott in the boylinge howse called Coleman the iron chim-
 ney wth the reste of the irons in the kitchin to hange pott^e on for w^{ch}
 saied pott chimney and irons my will is that they shall continually
 remaine at O. as heire lomes To my saied sonne John O. all glasse
 and casement^e in the windowes wheresoev^r in and aboute my howse
 [at] O. all the wainscott wth in all and ev^{ry} pte of the saied howse the
 greate standinge bedd wth the wheele bedd under yt in the greate
 chamber all my armoure and weapons belonginge to warre whatsoev^r
 To my saied sonne John vj silver tonnes pcell gilte my best silver
 salte wth a cover all gilte w^{ch} plate I geeve upon this condition that
 hee shall quietlye pmitt and suffer his moth^r my wief to have the
 use of them duringe her lief if shee survive mee and doe desire
 the same And all the reste of my saied good^e geeven unto my saied
 sonne John O. I geeve upon this condition that hee shall peaceably
 and quietly suffer all such pson and psons whoesoev^r unto whom I
 geeve any pte of my saied good^e to have and enioy the same accord-
 inge to the true intende of this my laste will Unto my daughter

Ciceley Singleton one hundreth markç Unto my sister Margret Os-
 baldeston forty markç Unto my brother Thomas O. forty markç
 Unto Edward O. eldeste sonne of my saied brother Thomas twenty
 markç Unto Margrett O. eldeste daughter of my saied brother Tho-
 mas twenty markç apon condicōn that shee doe behave and use her
 self well and honestly at the discrecōn of my executors if in the
 meane time shee bee not pferred in mariage Unto the reste of the
 children of my saied broth^r Thomas that is to say Thomas O. his
 seconde sonne Ellen Dorothy and [sic] O. daughters of
 my saied broth^r Thomas (or so many of them as shalbee livinge at
 my decease) evy of them an incalf cowe or heffer Unto Henry Wil-
 kinson my olde servante x^{li} if otherwise I doe not pferre him wth
 some stay of livinge in my lief time Ifm my will is that my saied
 sonne John O. shall suffer my servante Thomas Osbaldeston after
 the decease of Raphe ffishe to have one pcell of grounde lyeinge
 betweene Smoghe and Conbron tenementç in Ov Darwin now in the
 houldinge of the saied Raphe ffishe Unto all my howseholde servants
 at O. and Cuwerdall as also my miller and shepparde in Darwin w^{ch}
 shalbee at the time of my decease evy one of them on yeares wagç
 Executors Maulde O. my wief and Hamlett O. my sonne and Henry
 Stanley of Crosshall supvisor whoe muste have one portegue in
 golde or iij^{li} x^s in money pvided alwaies that if it shall so fall oute
 that the thirde pte of my saied goodç at my decease will not extende
 to discharge all such legasies and bequiddç wherewth I have charged
 the same thirde pte my will is that then and frō all and evy one to
 whome I have bequeathed any pte thereof by this my laste will
 savinge onely my cozin Henry Standley there shalbee deducted or
 withdrawne in ratable and pportiable sorte accordinge to the valewe
 of the saied sevall bequiddç and as they shall then fall oute to bee in
 valewe as aforesaid one xvjth pte and if the same will not so extende
 as aforesaid then to deducte or wthdrawe from evy one accordinge to
 the valewe of one xijth pte And if the xijth pte wthdrawen will not

serve then to deducte the viijth pte If the viijth pte will not serve then to deducte the vjth pte If the vjth pte will not serve then the iiijth pte And if the iiijth pte will not suffice then to deducte or wthdrawe frō evy one as aforesaide accordinge to thintente and true meaninge of this my laste will and testamente Witnesses Thomas Osbaldeston William Hesketh.

THE WILL OF ANNE HARDWARE OF LITTLE
MOULDSWORTH, WIDOW.¹

IN the name of God Amen The sixt day of Aprill anno Dñi 1593 I Anne Hardware of Little Mouldesworth in the county of Chester widowe first I commend my soule &c. My body I commend to the earth from whence yt came and to bee buried as appertayneth to a Christian at the discrecōn of my executors And as touchinge those worldly goodes and smale substaunce y^t yt hath pleased almighty God to lend me in this uncertayne state of liefē first I give unto Henry Hardware my sonne one neast of silv^ᵛ bowles dubble gilt wth a cover and thirteene silv^ᵛ spoones wth pictures of apostles uppon them one great carpett for a longe table and six great

¹ Proved 22nd September 1593. Anne, daughter and eventually co-heiress of Henry Gee of Chester, married in 1560 Henry Hardware, mayor of Chester in 1559 and 1576, by whom she had issue, Henry Hardware of Bromborough and Peel in the county of Chester Esq. mayor of Chester in 1599; John, died young; Jane, wife of Thomas Harbottle of Newbold, sheriff of Chester in 1588; Elizabeth, who married first John Cowper, alderman of Chester, and secondly John Bruen of Stapleford Esq. (for an account of him see *Assheton's Journal*, p. xv); Ellenor, wife of Gerard Massey DD. rector of Wigan, and Margaret, the wife of Edward Dutton, mayor of Chester in 1604. Ormerod calls the testatrix "Amey," vol. ii. p. 181. The original MS. Life of John Bruen Esq. by Mr. Hinde has been presented to the Chetham Library by Admiral Flarington, since the publication of *Assheton's Diary* by the Chetham Society.

quissions of carpett woorke wth pictures of pellicanes upon them and alsoe one payre of curtaynes of greene and redd silke all the pewter w^{ch} now is in the butterie at the Peele and w^{ch} was deliv^d unto him by an inventarie or schedule indented the one pte wherof remayninge wth him the other wth my selfe Unto Margarette Hardware my daughter one gold cheane and one ale cupp of silv^d dubble gilte wth a cover threene silv^d spoones wth broade heades and one little silv^d salte dubble gilte wth a cover and alsoe one goulde ringe wth a rubie stone in the same my lesser carpett of carpett woorke and six quissions of carpett woorke wth pictures of pellicanes upon them and alsoe one payre of curtaynes of greene and whyte sarcenett Unto my daughter Ellenor one tablet of gould one hoope ringe of gould and a wrethed ringe of gould my best silv^d salte dubble gilte wth a cover one whyte silv^d goblett and one ale cupp of silv^d duble gilte w^{thout} a cover one ould silv^d salte wth a cover and three silv^d spoones I^m I give &c. all my beddinge as well at Chester as at the Peele as fetherbedde flocke beddes boulsters pillowes coveringe coverlette blankette wth curtaynes carpette and quissions thone halfe therof to my sayed sonne Henry H. and thother halfe to my sayed tow daughters Margarette and Ellenor equally to bee devyded betweene them I^m all my linnens and napperie ware shalbee devyded into three equall ptes one pte wherof I give &c. unto my sayed sonne Henry H. the seacond pte unto my sayed daughter Margarette H. and the third pte unto my sayed daughter Ellenor H. I^m I give &c. all my pewter and candlestickes w^{ch} are in cofers as well at Chester as at the Peele (and not specified nor mencōned in the afore-sayed schedule) unto my sayed tow daughters Margarette and Ellenore equally to bee devyded betweene them Unto my sayed daughter Margarette the some of tow hundreth poundes over and besydes the porcōn bequeathed unto her by her father Unto my sayed daughter Ellenor the some of one hundred powndes over and besydes the porcōn bequeathed unto her by her father to be payed unto her out

of such debt^e as are due and owinge unto mee Unto my sonne in lawe John Bruen esquier the some of twentie markes to bee bestowed uppon a silv^r cupp Unto my daughter Elizabeth Bruen one pomander covered wth gould and one gould ringe wth a dyamond stonne in the same and alsoe one downe bed wth a boulster now in her owne custody my best blacke satten kirtle and my best petticoate Unto my sayed soninlaw John Bruen and my sayed sonne Henrie H. the some of twentie poundes to bee bestowed and imployed at theire discrecōn to the best use pfit and commodity of my daughter Jane Harbottell Unto my daughter Hardware my best gowne and tow kirtles one of craine colored satten and one other of blacke satten and alsoe one gould ringe wth a deathes head uppon the same Ifm I give all the rest of my apparell to my sayed tow daughters Margaret and Ellenor and alsoe all my newe wollen and linnen cloath uncutt to bee devyded betweene them To ev^{ry} one of my sonne Bruen his children ten shilling^e To ev^{ry} of my sonne Hardware his children x^s To ev^{ry} of my sonne Harbottell his children x^s To my brother in law Robert Booth the some of fortie shilling^e To my servant Richard Litler the some of fortie shilling^e To my servant John Lewis the some of twentie shilling^e Ifm toward^e the releefe of the poore wthin Tarvin parish the some of xl^s to bee distributed at the discrecōn of my executors Unto my sayed sone Henry H. all such and the same gooddes and cattell howshold stuffe and implem^t^e apptayninge to husbandry as are expressed and contayned in the aforesayed inventarie or schedule indented and not heretofore by these p^rsent^e bequeathed to any pson Ifm all the rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable (my funerall expenses discharged and my debt^e and legacies satisfied) I give unto my sayed sonne Henrie H. And I ordeyne &c. my sayed sonne Henrie H. and my soninlawe John Bruen esquier my true and lawfull executors In witnes wherof I the sayed Anne H. have hereto fixed my seale and subscribed my name

A. H.

THE WILL OF ROBERT VAWDREY OF RIDDINGS.¹

AUXILIATRIX sis mihi s̄ca Trinitas in noīe tuo s̄co levabo mentē manusq; meas Concede mihi grām faciendi justificōes tuas et tibi grās reddendi debitas.

In the name of God Amen The twelfth day off ffebruarye in the yeare of o^r Lord God m^d lxxvj and in the yeare of the raigne of Elizabeth by the grace &c. the tent I Robert Vaudray of Riddynge hole of bodie and mind thanks be to o^r Lord God yet nevertheles remēbrynge knowynge revolv̄ge in my mynde and considerynge that all mank̄yde is mortall and the tyme of his deptyre uncerten do intend wth the helpe of God to put all such thyngē as hee of his most mercyfull goodnes wthout any my deserve hath leande me the use of in this vale of myserye in asmuche readynes as I can or may and do by and wth Godē suffer^{nce} and helpe ordeyne and make this my last will and testam^t in manⁿ and forme folowynge ffirst I comēde and betake my soule into the handē of almyghtye God my maker redemer and savyo^r undoubtedlye trustynge and faithfullye belevyngē that the inward tender mercye of o^r heavenlye father thoroughē the merytē of his only sonne o^r Lord wth the grace of the Holye Ghost on only God of oīpotent powre and devyne maiestie that I wretched and synfull creature but yet his hādiwurck and serv^{nt} unwurthy shall come to eternall life and everlastynge ioyes wth the fruytion of his deitie and comūyon of his saintē as on of his redemed and elected flocke wth theym in heaven for ev^{er} to remayne in life and ioyes eternall

¹ Proved 12th April 1576. Robert, son and heir of Thomas Vawdrey of Riddings (purchaser of the Riddings and lands in Altrincham, Chester and Bowdon) by Anne, daughter of Richard Newton of Pownall, married first Alice, widow of Ralph Brereton of Wettenhall, and secondly Alice, daughter of Ralph Barton. The family continued to reside at Riddings until the property was sold not long before 1666 to Thomas Gerrard gent., son of the Rev. Richard Gerrard, rector of Stockport.

Amen In manus tuas dñe comendo spūm meū redemisti me dñe Deus veritatis And my bodye to be chested decentlye brought home and buryed at the parishe church of Bowdon in the chappell and place whereas my parente do lye (reservynge theire relict) wth suche ornamente and seremonyes as by the lawe of God and Catholick Church it ought for to be and the more decentlye because I have pfect trust and beleif in God that this my bodie thoroughe or Lord God and Savyo^r Jesus Christ shall rise agayne glorified and be ioyned to and wth my sole for ever together to remayne in heaven in his celestia^l everlastynge ioyes and life eternall Et in carne mea videbo Deū salvatorem meū And therefore have thought good to will desire and hertfullye praye my welbeloved wife executo^rs and lovyng frende to se my sayd bodie honestlie used and decentlye ordered althoughe it be made of earthe and dust and thereunto is to be reduced yet nevertheles assuredlie trustynge the same my bodie and fleshe to refflorishe and to be ioyned agayne to and wth my soule and in the same my flesh to se my Lord God and Savyo^r therefore am sturred to make the forsaid desire and praire whome I also beseke of charitie to praye for me and especiallye all those that shalbe p^rsent at the tyme of my sicknes and deptyre and that shall heare thereof And I do manifest and by this my owne hand wrytynge testifie that I do frelye and fullye forgyve all creatures as fullye and frelye as I wuld be forgiven most humblye besekynge God and all his creatures to forgyve me and all my siñes offenses and trespasses and hereof I praye God to witnesse whome I most humblye praye and beseke of his great m^ocy to have m^ocy uppon me wretched synner Jhesu have m^ocy uppon me Lord have m^ocy uppon me Christ have m^ocy uppon me In manus tuas dñe comēdo spūm corpusque meū quia me redemisti ac ea oīa bonitate tua ex..... mihi donasti dñe Deus veritatis Amen per crucē hoc signū crucē ✠ Item I do gife to the amendm^t of the coveyrnge and glasse wyndowes of the said chapple vj^a viij^d to be trulye and necessaryle bestowed thereuppon by my exe^c

makynge the churchwardens or reves pryvye and of counsell to theire so doyng Iſm to sixe of the poorest men of my tennt^e wthin the parishe of Bowdon vj white gownes desyrynge theym hertfullye to praye for me and for to go afore my corps to the churche and buryall of the same And to other vj of the poorest of my tennt^e wthin the parishes of Northerden and Ashton apon M^osee Banck other vj gownes of blacke cotton desyrynge and hertfullye prayinge theym likewise to pray for me in comynge next after my corps to the churche and buryall To my mayde Elizabeth Jannye ij heffers and teñe lambes price iiij^{li} To $\frac{x}{x}$ poore foulke everye on jd xx^s To the late wife of Robert Goge and now wife to M^r Burnell in recompence of all reconyng^e betwixt him and me xij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Elizabeth Cranerse at [aſs?] Jannye in recōpence of the bequest of Edward Jannye if any were to her xij^s iiij^d To my cousen Añe Chatherton in like recompence xxvj^s viij^d To the poore people in Manchester in pformance of the will of the said Edward Jannye¹ everye quarter vj^s viij^d duryng^e five yeares next after my decease w^{ch} shuld and I would shuld have byn more if I could have got it in of his debt^e or good^e or have byn at any quyetnes for the wrongfull truble and paym^t to others vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To the poorest householders in the parishe of Bowdon for the like consideracōn lxxij^s iiij^d And whereas I have byn divers tymes wrongfullye sued and brought to the poynt of ullagari and also sometymes have byn utlawed unware apon fayned actions and suites for debt^e supposed of the said Edward Jannyes and therebye have byn in daunger of losse of my good^e and chattell^e wrongfullye for savegard whereof I have heretofore made sundrye instrumēts dedes of gift and wrytynges of my said good^e and chattles aswell unto diverse of my freind^e and also to my daughter Margaret Theise may be to manyfest declare and testifie bothe afore God and man that I made all and everye the forsaid dedes of gifte and wryte-ynge of my said good^e and chattell^e only for the savegard of my said

¹ See Edward Janny's will, *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 157.

goodꝛ and chattles for the tyme of daunger of utlagarye and for no other intent ne purpose And that the sames wryteynge now and hereafter be void and of no effect whensoever they or anye of theym shall chaunce to be shewed or come to sight And whereas I also by my dede beyringe date the xvjth of Maye a^o r̄ r̄ Elizabeth nūc rēḡ &c. the sevent have gyven &c. unto my most trustie ffeoffies right worshipfull and lovyngre frende Jhon Throk^mton then esqier and now knight Jhon Robynson clerk Urian Brereton and Wiſſm Norres knightꝛ and others in the said dede named of and in all and synȝler my mano^r meases burgage cotage &c. to thuse of me the said Rob^t for terme of my life and that my said ffeoffies and their heres imēdiately after my decease shall stand and be ioyntlye seased of and in the mano^r or capitall howse in Chester called Pares Place therein mencioned nowe in the or occupacion of me the said Rob^t and Jhon Titley gen^t to thuse of Alice V. my wife for and duryng the terme of xlth yeares next after my decease if she so longe do lyve And of and in all synȝler the meases lands &c. beyngre in Bowdon Bollenton Hale and Asheleye and also of a cloase or pasture in Bowdon forsaid now in thoccupacion of me the said Rob^t and Elizabeth Bowdon widowe called Dun^km waye and all other nowe or late in the occupacion of Beatriche Vrmeston widowe Hamnet Hodgekynson and Ri^c Jannye or their ass. to thuse of my soñe Rob^t V. clerk for terme of lx yeares next after my decease if he so longe do lyve w^{ch} said graunt to thuse of my said soñe Rob^t made is not ment nor intended to be of any more or any other landꝛ or tentꝛ nowe beyngre in mannarance or occupacion but onelye of the said pasture called Dun^km waye And of and in all thother mano^r meases burgage &c. in Chester Boughton Bowdon Bollenton Bickerton Tussyncl^m Hale and Asheley or else where in the counties of Chester and cittye of Chester and also of and in the reversion remaynder &c. of the forsaid manor or capitall house in Chester called Pares Place And of all the forsaid meases landꝛ and teñtꝛ in Bowdon Bollenton Hale and Asheley to

thuse of the said Ales and Robt my soñe for and immediatlye after my decease the said sevall termes and severall deceases of the said Ales and Robt to thuse of my younger sonnes Jhon and Richard V. for terme of $\frac{xx}{iii}$ yeares next after my decease fullie to be complete and ended if the said Jhon V. and Riç V. or other of theym so longe do lyve. The revsion thereof to the heires males of the bodye of the sayde Jhon lawfullye begotten wth remaynder ov^o as by the forsayd dede more at large appeareth. The said Jhon and his heyres males yeildyng and payinge yearely to an honest and learned schoolem^r¹ duryng all such tyme as he shall teach gram^r schoole at Bowdon or Altrynch^m yearely $iii\text{ij}^{\text{li}}$ xvj^d. To Margaret V. at suche tyme as she shall leave her dishonest and uncleane lyvyng for and duryng all such tyme after as she shall lyve honestlye v^{li} by yeare [In the margin is written, "Ad usū M^ogaret Vaudraye fit mese."] To the Right Worshippfull M^r Wiłm Booth Esq^r to thentent it shall please hym to be good M^r to the said Jhon and Riç and the tenñt^e of the p^rmysses concernyng turbarye and sute of court and other theire honest and iust causes by yeare vj^s viij^d accordinge as I in my tyme did. To my brother poore. kinsfolks and frend^e in the said scedule named in all vij^{li} ij^s jx^d. To xxx^{tie} poore mayde yearely for ev^o ij^s vj^d. To xxx^{tie} poore men yearely for ev^o ij^s vj^d. To xxx^{tie} poore children yearely for ev^o ij^s vj^d. To xxx^{tie} poore widowes yearely for ev^o ij^s vj^d. To the curates clerkes and messengers yearely for ev^o iij^s iiij^d at the feast of the Añuntiacion the byrthe of o^r Lord God Good ffridaye and Penthecost. Item I forgeve my brother Thomās V. the sume of xvij^{li} odd monye w^{ch} hee oweth me and I gyve to my said brother xxvj^s viij^d a dublet a pair of hose and my buffe sattyn gerken desyringe hym to be lovyng frendlye and kynd to my wife and children. To my cousen his daughter a heffer and fore lambes. To my cousen George his wife and his soñe everye on ij lambes. To my cousen Thomas Sr Richard and Edward Vaudraye everye on ij lambes. To

¹ See *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 161.

the daughters of my cosen Wiſſm V. either vj lambs To the daughters of my cousen Nycolas V. evye on iiij lambs To my cousen Margerye Drynkwater j lamb To my cousens Hamnet Robt and Henrye Mores vj lambes To the daughter of my cosen Thom's V. of Synderland iiij lambes To the ij daughters of my brother Brocke beynge unmarried eyther a heffer To the ij daughters of my unckle Homfray V. eyther a heffer To my god daughters Marye Manwarynge and Ales Mastie either a heffer To everye of my god children iiij^d by estymation xxiiij^{tie} viij^s To Elizabeth V. my sonnes daughter a cupple of heffers and vj lambes Item I do bequeath and forgyve my disobedyent sonne Thom's all such and those sumes of monye w^{ch} he hath wrongefullye receyved and taken from me and also the sume of C^{li} xviij^s iiij^d w^{ch} he also is indebted to me or such pte thereof as shall remayne vulgived [*sic*] me at the tyme of my decease accordyng as by a bill of his hand appeareth willynge and comādyng and appon my blessinge chargeyng and requyryng hym to use sobrietie and to leave all evell and drynkynge companye and for to say o^r Lordꝝ praier wth such other praiers and thanks gyvyng to God as he shall gyve his grace and put hym in mynd daylye uppon his knees everye mornynge humblye besekyne hym to have m^peye uppon all his creatures and to gyve hym grace to lyve honestlye and iustlye in the world uppon my blessinge also willyng hym to say the artickles of o^r fayth the crede once everye weke and to be lovyng kynd and helpynge to his mother brethren and sister exhortynge her to repent her evell life and to lyve honestlye from henceforth and also to be kynde and helpynge to his powre to all his poore cousens and frendꝝ and to all the tenntꝝ of the landꝝ w^{ch} God hath lent me and I have left hym and to take nothyng of theym nor of any of theym but onlye there due rentꝝ and servyce in asmuche as God hath sent hym the landꝝ wthout labo^r and they must labo^r and paye for theym and to be satisfied wth the same w^{ch} is much better than was left me and wuld have byn better to hym if he wuld have byn

councelled or advysed by me or have shewed hym selfe obedient or lovyng towardē me for although I wuld not yet I rather desire to have hym to die affore me then to lyve to do hurt after me w^{ch} God forbid and appon my blessyng I warne the said Tho^ms from requeryng hym to love drede and to serve God to frequent charitie and to do right wth mercie and then shall he w^{ch} is all mercifull gr^{nt} the his m^ocie help and prosper the and thine in this world wth longe life and bryng the also to his unspeakeable ioyes and life everlastyng And this doynge I forgyve the all thy mysbehavio^r and trespasses done to me and gyve the my blessyng besekyng God to do the same and to gr^{nt} us his great m^ocie prayinge the to be good to all his and my poore ten^{nt} Quia donum est terra To my godsonne Rob^t V. sonne to my said sonne Tho^ms and to his heires males to remayne as herelomes my best silver salt duple guylt wth a cov^o half a dozen of my best spones a table cloth a towell half a dozen napkens a fetherbed wth thap^{ten}nce my cote of plate my head pece my armyng sword my pulaxe my speyre two sculles ij blacke billes and my blacke velvet cote my best cloake wth broade gardē of velvet to be laye up and kept for hym till he be able to use theym To my said sonne Tho^ms a gerken of tanye velvet wth a payre of black satten sleeves To my sonne Jhon V. a gerken of tanye velvet my dublet wth sleeves of blacke velvet my oyle piled cote my ridyng sword a sallit a view bowe a shoffe of arrowes two jacks two sculles To my sonne Ri^c a gerken of tanye velvet my cloath gowne faced wth blacke tanye my prynye cote a sallet ij jacks ij sculles ij billes or pulaxes a spayre a shoff of arrowes a bowe of eue To my welbeloved brother in lawe John Brereton a payre of bregendynes or white harnes w^{ch} hee hathe of myne To my cousen Jane his daughter a cupple of heffers To my cousen Wi^llm Barneston a bowe and a shof of arrows To his ij boys iij^s iiij^d to buy theym boks To my cousen Elizabeth his wife v^s to buy her a kerochef To my sister Brock¹ vj^s viij^d and a lambe To

¹ Parnell, wife of John Brook of Upton gent.

my dearelye beloved frend John Robynson clerke a suffereigne or x^s of gold humblye besekynge hym and all other my neighbo^{rs} kinsfolks and frende to pray for me Item I give &c. my librarye and all my bokes wrytyngē escriptē munimētē in my studie and closet wth my deske and standish and all that is therein to my sonne John Vaudraye willynge and requyrynge hym apon my blessinge to apply his learninge wth all diligence and that he do not reade any my bokes nor others beyngē of the word of God and scripture but wth meke and humble hert and like desire and praire by hym to be made daylye to gyve him grace of right understandynge of the same and the true Catholick and Christian faith wthout anye arrogancye or mys-understandinge thereof And I do constitute &c. Ales my wife duryngē her widdowhoode onlye my sonne Jhon V. my sonne Riċ V. and my verye lovyngē frend Jhon Robynson clerke my true and lawfull executo^{rs} willynge and instantlye desiryngē and prayinge theym to se this my last will fullye and trulye pformed And if it shall hap any of my fornamed executo^{rs} to repugne or do contrarye to this my last will and testam^t that then he or she so doyingē not to have anye auctoritie of in or by this my last will nor in any wise to be taken as my executo^{rs} and also the same so contrarie doynge to be utterlye voyde and of no effect In witnesse whereof hereunto I have set my seale and subscribed my name the day and yeare first afore written vij^t the twelft of february 1567 [1567-8].

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLT OF STUBLEY ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. the xijth daye of Novembre 1556 I Robert Holt of Stubbley in the countie of Lanċ esquier sycke &c. My bodye

¹ No date of probate. Robert Holt of Stubbley Esq. son of Richard Holt, by Alice,

to be buried in the chauncell wⁱⁿ the church of Rachdale nere where my uncle lyethe To my 3^{unt} Richard Holt Henry Holt Edmund Mylne Thom's Gerelde Ale^x Brydge Rog² Holt Thom's Browne and Elize Coop viij^{li} that is to wete to evy of theym xx^s To James Holt ij coot² To John Holt one coote If I wyll that all my harnes shall remayne here at Stubley to y^e use of my heires males for ev³ If that all suche dett² as my uncle Robert Holt dyd owe wheche be as yet unpaid shalbe payed by my executors (excepte suche dett² as cā be dyscharged by acquytanc² or ell² by sufficient wyttenes or confession) If where I have lately enfeffed Robert Barton esquier and others of an in the thrydde pte of all my maners of Stubley Chesh^m and Naden and in the thrydde pte of all the meases land² &c. in Stubley Chesh^m Naden Honersfelde Spotlande Bury Myddleton Butterworthe and Castelton in the said countie to y^e use of me y^e said Robert Holt and theyres males of my bodye lawfully begoten and for defaulte to y^e use of Cicilie my wyiff Richard Jones clerk pson of Bury Rauff Barton Henry Sayvell and Arthure Assheton gentylmⁿ for terme of their lyves to thentent that they shall paye all suche somes of money as sallyt² [falleth?] to be payd concernynge one maryage to be hade betwyx John sone and heyre apparent of Thom's Grenehalghe esquier and Alice my dought² excepte lxxv^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d pcell of the saide maryage good² whiche is now payed And to paye (if I dye w^{out}e issue male of my bodye lawfully begoten) eight hundrethe markes as in a dede beyryng date y^e jxth daye of this instante Novembre more playnly apperith I wyll that all the sayde

daughter of Sir John Seville of Newhall in the county of York Knt. inherited the estate on the death of his uncle Robert Holt Esq. (see his will, p. 14.) — *Suffield MSS.* and *Visitation* 1567. He married (covenants dated 2nd June, 34 Henry VIII.) Cecily, daughter of Andrew Barton of Smithills Esq. His post mortem inquisition was taken 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, in which Robert, son of William Holt, is found his cousin and heir, and of the age of fifty years. The last named Robert was father of Charles Holt, the future husband of Mary, one of the daughters of the testator.

some shalbe taken of y^e said thrydde part of my sayde manors lande &c. If I wyllle and assigne to Charles Holt if he marye my dought^r Mary or to his brother aft^r his deceasse if he marye my said dought^r wthin tymes lymytte my lease and interest of and in one mease and teⁿte called Starryng lying in the towne of Honersfelde¹ nowe in my occupacōn duryng the yeres yet to expyre in the same And if the said Charles or his brother aft^r his deceasse wthin the said tymes wyll not marye my said dought^r then I assigne my said fermeholde to Cicilie my wyiff as long as she kepith her unmarried And if she marye then to the p^rfermēt of my sayd daughters unmarried To my said wyiff all other my leases bargaynes and tackes in the p^rishes of Rachedale and Bury duryng the yeres of the same yett to spende if she kepe her sole and unmarried and if she marye then to y^e p^rfermēt of my saide daughters unmarried (except suche closes and beast^e gates as Arthure Assheton² nowe haith wthin the vicaredge of Rachedale the wheche I gyve to y^e said Arthure duryng the yeres of the same yet to spende payng for the same yerely accordyng as he doith nowe) If where as I have surrendred all my copie holde lande in Totygtton to y^e p^rformaunce of my last wyllle the said Cicilie my wyiff shall have all the same so long as she shall kepe her sole and unmarried towardes y^e educacōn and bryngyng up of my chyl dren and if she marye then to y^e use of my saide daughters at the discrecōn of my saide executors duryng the space of xxj^r yeres excepte one teⁿte called Holcome Heye pcell of the p^rmiss^e which I wyll that George Werberton y^e young^r shalbe suffred from yere to yere to occupie aft^r the deceasse of Elene late wyiff of X^pofer Holt duryng the terme of xxj^r yeres paynge therfore the fermes accustomed to the said Cicilie The residue of my good^e aft^r my dett^e &c. [paid] I gyve to y^e said Cicilie Richard Rauff Henry and Arthure to y^e use

¹ Hundersfield, one of the four large townships composing the ancient parish of Rochdale.

² Of Clegg Hall, an attorney-at-law and a wealthy man.

of all my saide iiij daughters nowe not lykened to be maryed whiche saide Cicilie &c. I make my executors And for that y^t they shall have no pte ne porcion of my saide goodē I gyve unto evy one of theyme fyve markes and to have theire costē made if they be put to any trowble Ifm that yf it fortune M^r Thomās Grenehalghe¹ to dye (his sone John beyng w^{thin} age) that then my saide executors shall have y^e custodye of y^e bodye and landē of the said John G. as gardens² in socage to y^e use of y^e said John G. If that my saide executors shall have in lyke case y^e custodye of the bodye and landē of John soñe and heire apparent of Thomās Belfelde³ (if the said Thomās dye his said soñe beyng w^{thin} age) to y^e use of y^e said John B. I make supvysors of this my last wylle Robert Barton esquier and Thomās Grenehalghe esquier These wyttenes Charles Radclyff gent. S^r John Dygle Robert Bucley Withm Deurden.

THE WILL OF THOMAS LEGH OF HIGH LEGH ESQ.⁴

IN the name &c. 29th of October 31 of Elizabeth 1589 I Thomas Leghe of High Leghe in the countie of Chester esquire beinge somewhat sycke in bodye &c. my bodye to be buried in Christian buriall where yt shall please God to appoynt To the children of my

¹ Of Brandlesholme Hall, parish of Bury.

² Guardians.

³ Of Cleggswood, in the parish of Rochdale.

⁴ Proved 21st January 1589-90. Thomas, son of Robert Legh of East Hall in High Legh by Alice, daughter of Hugh Starkey of Oulton Esq., married Isabel, daughter of George Trafford and sister and heiress of Ralph Trafford Esq. of Garrett Hall, Manchester (see her brother William Trafford's will, p. 61), and was ancestor of George Cornwall Legh Esq. of High Legh, M.P. for the northern division of Cheshire.

sonne Robert Leghe deceasede suche somes of money &c. that ys to saye unto Thomas Leghe two hundreth poundes Unto Robert Leghe three hundreth poundes To my sister Meyre tenne poundes To my sister Jane tenne poundes All the legacies and somes of money before bequethed shall be taken owte of all my goodē and cattallē (except my leases and tackē hereafter bequethed) Unto George Legh my nexte heire my lease of the corne haye pigge and goose wth hempe and flax wthin the tunnship of High Leghe to the mayneteynance of his howse in keepinge hospitallitie Unto the sayde George Leghe my lease of the aulnershipp in the countie of Lancast^r requiringe and charginge hym before God in considera^on of the same to healpe and ayde his bretherne and especiallie his yongest brother Robte Leghe when and so often as eyther he or they shall stande in neede of helpe I gyve &c. my lease whiche I have in Northwood Pke of certayne landes there to the saide George Leghe so that he doe keepe yearelie some honest learned man that cann saye divine service to serve at my chappell at High Leghe for the ease of my tenantē frendes and wellwillers of my howse of High Legh To the sayde George L. all the residue of my goodes moveable and unmoveable as well reall as psonall yet not before bequethed my dettē and funerall expenses beinge discharged owte of the whole requestinge the saide George L. to be good to my sonnes children before named And of this my last will &c. I make the saide George L. my true and lawfull executo^r In wytnes whereof &c. Sealed &c. in p^sence of us Edward Legh Richard Garnet Wiffm Corbie Randall Smallwood Robte Leigh.

THE WILL OF JOHN LEGH OF RIDGE ESQ.¹

IN the name of the ffather the Sonne and off the Holy Ghost
 18th of January 20 of Elizabeth 1577 [1577-8] I John
 Leyghe off the Ridge in the countie of Chester esquier beinge in
 good health &c. I comytt my bodye to the earth to be buried in
 suche comelie and decent order as my executors shall thinke meete
 nighe to my auncestors yff yt conveniently may be I gyve to John
 Leighe my eldest sonne and heyre apparant one standeinge cupp
 of sylver giltt wth a cov^y wrought wth pculinsse² and roses uppon
 the knobble off the cover a silver salt gilt wth a cov^y wrought wth
 the rāmes head³ an other silver salt gilt wthoute a cov^y one standeing
 bolle off sylver wth one cov^y pcell giltt haveing theron the rāmes head
 wrought a cupp of silver wth a cover gilt twelve sil^y spones with
 kneppes gilt wrought with a lyon a stone cupp with a cov^y off sylver
 giltt sixe of the best fether bedde or bedde of downe sixe of y^e best
 materasses sixe of the best bolsters sixe of the best pillowes and
 pillowe beares sixe peyre of the best blanket sixe payre of the best
 flaxen shette sixe of the best coverlette sixe off [the] best beddstock
 ffoure off the best brasse pott and twoe lesse three of the best
 pannes a garnishe and a half off the best vessell ffoure of the best
 bordclothes one dosen of the best napkyns foure of the best towels

¹ Proved 10th April 1578. John Legh of Ridge Esq., son of Roger Legh by Mary, daughter and heiress of William Sparke of Surrey, (afterwards wife of Sir Edmund Savage of Macclesfield, knighted at Leith 37 Henry VIII.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Fulke Dutton, mayor of Chester. John Legh, escheator of Cheshire 12 Henry VI., younger son of Sir Peter Legh Knt., grantee of Lyme and brother of Sir Peter Legh who died at Paris of the wounds he had received at the battle of Agincourt, was possessed of Ridge in right of his wife Alice, daughter and heiress of John Alcocke of Ridge. Here his descendants continued until the time of George II., when the property was sold by Francis Legh of Ridge Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 374.

² The portcullis and rose were badges of the royal house of Tudor.

³ The crest of the family.

twoe off the best basons twoe of the best ewers a dosen off the beste cuishons twoe off the beste carpettē all my armor booke and apparell a chayne of gold wich was gyven hym by the Lady Savage my mother a gold ringe with a diamonde wich was gyven hym by Mr fflowke Dutton his grandfather an other gold ringe with a blew saphire all the glasse seeling waynescotte hangeingē tables formes cupboardē leades breweinge vessels and ffurnacē at the Ridge in the hall kytchen parlor chambers and howses off office there the grate in the kytchen two rackē foure spitte twoe of the best geldingē twoe of the best mares fourescore ewes and fourtie weithers in full satisfaction off all suche goodds and cattall as the said John my sone may clayme at my hands by the legacy and devyse off the Ladie Savage my mother deceased or by any other way whatsoev^r But yf the sayd John my sone doe deceasse wthout issue then I gyve the sayd parcelē of gooddē to suche other off my sones as shall happen too be myne heyre And after theise legacies devided I will that my dettē and the charges of my buryall be ffyrst payd off my goodē To the executors off this my will evy of them xx^s for ther paynes To Rauffe Bradley my servante my short furred gowne and my blacke cloake layd uppon with laces To Robert Ryle a marble cloake and a grene coate To Edward Whittacars one dublett and two payre off hoose All the residewe off my goodē and cattell I gyve &c. to Elizabeth my wiffe to her awne use (excepted to Katherene my doughter suche plate as was gyven her by Katerine Dutton wydowe her grandmother) And concⁿninge my landē I gyve &c. to the said John my soñe or suche other as shalbe myne heyre my mansion or dwelling howse off the Ridge and all the demayne landē belongeing to the same my mansion and dwelling howse called Winckle Graunge and all the demayne landes off the same and all other my landes &c. within the counties of Chester Stafforde and Derby saveinge and resveinge to my wiffe the interest and tittle off her dower and to my yonger sones the severall annuities off ffyve marke yerely graunted forthe off Wyncle Graunge uppon this condi^cōn that he the same

John my sone shall truly paye all suche my dettē as my goodē will not amount to pay I gyve all my landes &c. in the county of Suffolke (except the woodē and advousons) to my executors untill they have levyed the severall somes off money hereafter lymtyed that ys to saye to the use of Alize and Marye my daughters eyther off them fourescore poundes And to the use of evy other of my daughters (nowe not maryed or in widowhoodd) ffyvescore poundē a peece to be payd to them as they shall sevally come to mariage pferm^t or lyving with this condiçōn that yf any off my daughters doe decease before they come to convenient age to enioye ther porçōns or yff any off them refuse to be ruled by my executors and oversears in the choyse off ther mariage or pferm^t off lyveinge that then her or ther porçōn so deceaseing or refusing to be ordered shall cease &c. and also untill my executors have receyved off my sayd landes to the use of evy off my yonger sonnes the some of twenty markē for eche and evy of them under lyke condiçōn as before lymtyed to my daughters and also untill my executors have receyved of my sayd landes the some off CC^{li} sixescore poundes theroff to be imployed to the exhibition off Roger my sonne and ffourescore poundes theroff to the exhibition off Thomas my sonne to the studye of the lawes off this realme And after the receipte off y^e sevall somes aforesaid then the same landes &c. shall remayne to my right heires for ever Also that Edward Whittacars my svant shall have for terme off his naturall lyffe the cotage wherin he nowe dwellethe and the gardeyn belonging to the same with sufficientt hay for two kye in the wynter time to be taken in y^e demaynes off the Ridge aforesaid wthout any rentt paying during the said terme off his lyffe ffynally I make the said John Leighe my sone Mr Robt Leghe off Lyme Roger Pott off Harropp Edward Hollinshed off Bosley and Rauff Bradley my svantt thexecutors off this my last wyll and testament and Edward ffitton off Gawsworthe and Thomas Leghe off Adlinton esquiers overseers Theise being wyttnesses Wyllyam Heyley Geffrey John-son Roger Jackson Rauffe Bradley Edward Hollynshed.

THE WILL OF HENRY STANLEY OF
BICKERSTATH ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 20 July 40 Elizabeth 1598 I Henrye Standley of Byckerstath in the countye of Lanc. esquier being &c. My bodye I bequeath to Chrystian buriall in my pishe church of Ormeskirke in my chappell there to be sepultred and buried emongē my auncesto^r in suche sorte as by the discrecō of my executors shalbe thought mete After my ffunerall and debtē dischardged, my goodes &c. shalbe devyded (accordinge to the custome of the countree) into three equall ptes, one pte thereof to be to my selffe, one other to my wyffe and thother emongē my children, nevtheles upon suche condiçōns &c. viz. that eyther of my dowghters nowe unmarried, shall have bestowed on them by my wiewfe of the rentē &c. of these my landes in Byckerstath and ellswheare wthin the countye of Lanc[?] ffyve hundred poundes a piece towards theire mariage to be levied after the rate of — (sic) by yeare they beinge ruled and governed in theire mariage by my lovinge wyff and by suche other ffrendes as my said wiewfe shall appoynte And if eyther of my said younger doughters fortune to decease before they shalbe soe maried or preferred, that one hundreth poundes pcell of the said ffyve hundreth poundes w^{ch} should have ben to her soe decessed shalbe hollye to suche younger doughter soe survyvinge, and that the other ffowre hun-

¹ Proved 17th January 1598-9. Henry Stanley of Bickerstaff, son of Sir James Stanley of Cross Hall Knight (brother of Thomas second Earl of Derby) married 26th Sept. 1568, Margaret, only daughter of Peter Stanley of Aughton Esq. by his first wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick of Bickerstaff in right of his wife Margaret, daughter and heiress of Thomas Atherton Esq. of Bickerstaff. He was buried at Ormakirk 23rd July 1598, leaving issue Edward, James, and Jane wife of Gabriel Heaketh of Aughton Esq. His eldest son Edward was created a baronet by Charles I. and was ancestor of the present Earl of Derby. — Baines's *Lanc.* See the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 96.

dreth poundes shalbe equallye distributed upon my said younger
 doughter soe survyvinge one hundreth poundes, upon my younger
 sonne James Standley one hundreth poundes, and upon my eldeste
 sonne Edward S. one hundreth poundes, and upon Anne S. dought-
 ter of my said sonne Edwarde one hundreth poundes Also wheare
 I have a lease from the right honorable Wiffm Earle of Darbye
 of one capitall messuage called the Crosse hall and of certen landes
 to the same belonginge, I gyve the same lease to my younger
 sonne James S. in recompence of his childes pte and filiall porción
 Provyded allwayes that if Edward S. my eldest sonne shall at anye
 tyme wthin the space of one yeare next after my decease conveye to
 the said James S. my younger sonne one messuage or tēte in
 Aughton called the lytle hall in Aughton and all the landes to the
 same belonginge beinge pcell of myne enheritaunce, together wth one
 anuytye or yearely rent of thirtie poundes for tearme of his naturall
 lieffe, that then the said James S. shall delyver to my said sonne
 Edward S. the sayd lease of the Crosse hall. And as towchinge my
 landes by me purchased I give &c. the same hollye to my sonne
 Edward S. for tearme of his liefe and after his death then to the
 firste begotten sonne of the bodie of the said Edwarde lawfully begot-
 ten then to the second sonne third sonne &c. of the said Edward S.
 lawfully begotten And for default &c. then to James S. my seconde
 sonne for the tearme of his lieffe And after his decease, then to the
 first second sonne &c. of the said James S. lawfully begotten And
 for defaulte &c. then to the right heires of me the said Henrye S. for
 ever. Soe allwayes provyded, that my said wiffe shall duringe her
 lyffe have the one halfe of all the landes by [me] purchased. Also
 I geve &c. one measuage or tēte in Burscowe late in th'occupacōn
 of Wiffm Waynewrighte deceased and bowght by me of Andrew
 Waterwarde, for suche tearme as I have therein, and all other my
 tacke and leases as Tallorne in the countye of fflynte or ellswheare
 wthin the realme of Englund to Margaret my wieffe towards the

satisfyeinge of my debtē and legacyes. To Jane my doughter nowe wiffe of Gabriell Hesketh the sūme of one hundreth poundes to be payde after the rate of tenne poundes by yeare, the firste payment to begynne one yeare after the death of me the said Henrie S. and if my said doughter Jane doe fortune to dye before the hundreth poundes be fullye payde, then the said payment of tenne poundē to ceasse. And I doe intreate my lovinge wieffe Margaret, my lovinge nevewe Wiilm ffarington esquier and my ffrend Rauffe Worseley gent. to be executo^{rs} of this my last will. In wittnes &c. Signed &c. in the p^{re}sence of us, Barthollmawe Hesketh Thomas Hesketh Roger Wallworth Peter Leadebeater James Chadock Peter Charles.

Extracts from "a true and perfecte inventorie of the goodde &c. of Henrie Stanlye of Bykerstath esquier" July 20 1598.

Imprimis xxvj milke kyne lxxij^{li} xij^s iiij^d—three bulles viij^{li} x^s—sixtene draughte oxen lxxvj^{li}—twoe twynter bullockē iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d—viij twynter heffers xvij^{li}—one cowe and a calfe wth her lvj^s viij^d—sixtene calves ix^{li} iiij^s—ffower paye hennes and cockē ij^s—xv acres of barlye sowed upon the grounde lvij^{li}—three acres and a halfe of wheat xvij^{li}—In M^{rs} Standley her closett xij dishes and one basen of pewter xx^s—vj other pewter dishes and one plate xij^s—ix sallett or frute dishes ij^s viij^d—in flax and hempe xiiij^s—in sope vj^s—in hoppes iiij^s—Store howse Flaxe and towe vj^s—in woolle and woollen yorne xl^s—xxij flaxen slyppinges¹ xxx^s—xij slippinge of Readinge xj^s—in tanned hydes xxxiiij^s iiij^d—fyve spynnynge wheales v^s—In y^e pler at the lytle hall in Aughton one poll axe and one forrest bill xx^d—one olde sworde ij^s—one ould caly^v and one pistole iiij^s—twoe ewe bowes and one qwyver with arrowes in it ij^s iiij^d—in plate xx^{li}—one flagon cheane viij^{li}—one other cheane wth linkē xij^{li}—twoe flagon cheane braselettē iiij^{li}.

¹ Now called "slubbings" in Lancashire, and applied to wool when scoured and spun but not woven.

THE WILL OF ANDREW BARTON OF SMETHILLS ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 7 Feb. 1548 [1548-9] 3 Edw. VI. I Andrew Barton of the Smythellē in the countye of Lancast^r esquier &c. My body to be buried in the chauncell of the pyshe churchē of Bolton in as shorte tyme as can any honest pryceyon be made convey all expence &c. to be levyed of my goodes at the dyscrecyon of my executors Thurstan Tyldesley esquier Wiltm Longley clerke now pson of P^rstwyche Laurance Asshaw and S^r James Bolton vicar of Bolton... many of theym as then shall fortune to be unlyve. To Syr John Pynckok p^rest my chapleyn twelwe markē to be payt unto hym in too yeres And as concernyng thorderyng of my manors landē &c. wythin the countyes of Lancast^r and Notyng^hm I wyll that Thurstan T. esquier and Laurence A. my most trustie and faithfull cousyns shall apoynt and assigne vⁱ landē yerly of olde rent to goe oute of the townes of Cotyngton Carleton Newarke Carlyton and Mustane in the countie of Notyng^hm by the instructyon and informacyon of my s^rv^{nt} Roger Urmystone to be assured to a free scole² in Wynwycke for ev^r upon my

¹ Andrew Barton of Smethills, son of John Barton, by Cicely, daughter and heiress of Ralph Radclyffe of Smethills Esq. married Anne (called Agnes alias Anne in the Stanley pedigree), daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton Knt., by whom he had issue, Robert his successor, Ralph, Henry, Thurstan, Cicely wife of Robert Holt of Stubley Esq., Margaret wife of John Westby of Mowbreck Esq., Elenor wife of Edward Singleton of Broughton Tower Esq., and Dorothy, who married William Gerard, Recorder of Chester. — *Visitation*, 1567. There is no date of probate to the will, but the post mortem inquisition was taken 3 Edward VI. at which time the testator was 51 years of age. His descendant, Sir Thomas Barton Knt., died in the time of the Commonwealth, and left an only daughter and heiress, Grace, the wife of Henry, son and heir of Thomas, first Viscount Fauconberg, by whose descendant the estate was sold in 1721. See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 39.

² By indenture dated 6th April 1619 Sir Peter Legh of Lyme Knt. gave a yearly

costes and charges and to be made affore the feast of saynt Mychell tharcāgell next comyng yf I the said Andrew do not make it in my lyff tyme. In [re]com[p]ence wherof I wyll y^t my soñe Robert Barton or he y^t shall hapen to be my heyre shall have the one halfe of the lordshipe of Oswentwysyll wyche I lately purchased of the right hono^rabyll¹ Henr.....bounden to my brother in law Wiſſm Westby esquier in sevall obligacyons to pay unto hym yet beyng behynde faurscore markē for the maryage of Margaret my doughter to John Westby his sone and heyre apparent I wyll y^t the said Thurstan T. Wiſſm L. pson of Prestwyche and Laurence A. shall take xx^{ti} markē yerly of the issues &c. of my landē in Notyng^hmshire duryng faure yers to pay unto the sayd Wiſſm Westby the sayd soñe I wyll y^t the said Thurstan T. &c. shall take xx^{li} yerly of my landē in Blakburne and Roumsgreve to pay my dettē whiche I stond bounde to my frendē by bylles &c. And whear I have covenāted w^t the saidē Wiſſm L. and Laurence A. y^t that they shall take the pfette of my pte of the ferme of Bolton and the tythe of Myche Hole y^t they therw^t after my deth shuld pay unto Rauff Barton x^{li} yerly duryng certeyn yeres towardē his esibysyon and lernyng &c. I wyll y^t the said Thurstan Wiſſm and Laurence shall take of my landē in Myche Hole and Flyxton xl markē yerly to the pfermēt of the maryges of Dorathe and Eleno^r my doughters unto suche tyme as they have taken the soñes of CCCC markē y^t is to wete for aither of theym too hundreth markē prydyt always y^t if the saidē Dorathe and Eleno^r wyll not be reuled by the o^vseers of this my wyll then the said paymēt to surcease &c. And wheare Gowther Lee esquier whose saule God pdone dyd apoynt Thurstan Tyldesley²

rent for ever of £10 towards the salary of the master of the Free Grammar School at Winwick. In this deed Sir Peter Legh recites a grant of £10 per annum made by his great uncle, Gwalter Legh, to this school, but no mention is made of the bequest of Andrew Barton. — *Report of the Charity Commissioners*, vol. ii. p. 194.

¹ Henry Radclyffe, second Earl of Sussex, K. G., ob. 1556. — *Nicolas' Synopsis*, vol. ii. p. 628.

² See *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 104.

esquier and me Andrew B. to be the executors of his last wyll and dyd bequeth unto us ffaurescore pounde towarde the pfermēt of the mary-age of Elyñ Lee and Elsabeth Lee his cousyns daughters of John Lee whearof I have ffaurtie pounde in my hande I wyll y^t wⁱⁿ one quarter of a yere after my deth myn executors shall levie the said sūme of xliⁱⁱ of my moveable goodes and the same delyv^{yn} unto the said Thurstan Tyldesley esquier yf he then be lyvyng And yf the said Thurstan be deceased as God forbyde then I charge my executors as they wyll aswayr me affore God y^t they pay the said sūme to y^e said Elyñ and Elsabeth w^{out} maken any delay or dryvyng of tyme uncōvenyently Also wheare the said Gowther Lee dyd make the said Thurstan T. and me Andrew B. his assignes of his lease of his benefyce in Wynwycke I make my assigney for my poreyon therof the said Thurstan T. to thentent y^t he may therw^t pay the pson of Wynwycke his rente make repacyons ther y^t I stand bounden unto pay wayge to the p^{er}stes accordyngly to the last wyll of the said Gowther Also I make Agnes my wyff my assigney of the thred pte of the tythe cornes of Halghton wyche I have in ferme duryng my intest yf she kepe any howse wⁱⁿ the pysshes of Bolton or Deyn and yf not then I make Robert my sone my deputie therof Also whear Sir Alexand^r Radcliff knyght whose saule God pdon and I Andrew B. have a lease of all maner of tythes of the pysshes of Eccles and Deyne and I have graunted the moite of my intest therof to Roger Urmyston Roger Warde and Roger Talyer for my pte yet remanyng of the said lease I make Robert my sone my assigney Also wheare I have a lease of the Right Hono^rable Thomas lorde le Wayre of lande in Horwyche I make Robert my sone and his heyre males my assignes of my said lease and of my intest of the lordshipe of the ffoldes Also I gyffe to the said Robert B. my sone my ryng and signett of golde too sylver saltes and one cov^{er} for the same one sylver pott gyldyt w^t a cov^{er} one dosant of my best sylv^{er} spones one goblet of sylv^{er} pcell gyld w^t a cov^{er} my best bedd w^t the best cov^{er}ing and w^t clothes therto belongyng one gernyashe of

pewt^r vessell to be as heyrlomes all the chapell gear except one sute
 of vestment^e best but one To Agnes my wyff one salte of sylv^r w^t a
 cov^r a sylv^r pott w^t a cov^r one dosant of sylv^r spones w^t madyn hed^e
 upon theym one sute of vestment^e the best but one Also I gyve to
 Rauff Barton ten m^oks To Henry Barton fyve m^oks To Robert
 Holte my sone in law a geldyng To John Westby my sone in law
 and his wyff one ffether bedd w^t clothes th^o to belongyng and one
 geldyng Also I right heartely desyr Robert my sone as my specyall
 trust is in hym to pforme and fulfill this my wyll in recompence of
 suche costes and charg^e as I have susteyned and borne for for then-
 creasyng of his enherytance and in cōsideracōn of suche sūmes of
 money as I have leaſte hym to take for his maryage as I myght
 have taken yf I wolde And my essepcyall trust and confydence is y^t
 Agnes my wyff and Robert my soñe wyll lovyngly agree to gethers
 and love and charyashe my olde ſvnnt^e to thei^r powers and y^t they
 apōn my costes shall kepe my howse he^r at Smythelle one quart^r of
 a yere next after my decease and pay my ſvnnt^e they^r wayg^e To
 Thurstan Tyldesley S^r Wiſſm Longley pson of P^ostwyche Lauren^c
 Asshaw and Richard Lever faure of my beste coltes y^t be under
 faure yer^e olde To S^r James Bolton vicar of Bolton one yoke of my
 best draught oxen And forsomyche as I ame not lerned in the law
 nor have not the experyence and knowlege sufficyentlye to make
 and declare this my last wyll in forme accordyng to the lawe by
 reason whearof it may fortune y^t sondry and dyv^{se} articles therin
 conteyned myght be voide in the lawe yf they shulde be extremely
 expoundit or evyll hendyt or taken I therefore right heartely desyre
 all ordenaryes and juges who shall hapen to have the orderyng or
 jugyng therof to jūge it to the best &c. I make Agnes my wyff Ro-
 bert B. my sone Thurstan Tyldesley and Robert Holte esquier^e to
 be myne executors to pforme &c. as they wyll answayre me affore
 God Thez beyng wytnes S^r James Bolton vicar of Bolton Henry
 Barton S^r John Pynckok p^{est} Roger Urmystone and others.

Inventoriū om̄n bonorū et catalloz q̄ fuerūt Andreas Barton armiḡ die quo obiit ap̄ciatorū p̄ quatuor homies fidei dignos viz Rogerū Urmystone Johnē Stones Ricardū Talyer et Wiſſim Holdeyn juratos forma juris ad p̄ciand. omia bona et catalla p̄d̄ ad p̄ciū condignū desimo die Apr̄le anno regni Regē Edwardi sexti tercio ffirst viij geldyngē one stonet horse and xiiij mares and ffeles xvij^{li} — one stage and vj yer-ynges v^{li} — xxiiij oxen xxxij^{li} — iij fatt oxen viij^{li} x^s — xl kyen and eſſers xl^{li} — vj eſſers and sterē of iij yere age and xxij of ij yere age xvj^{li} viij^s viij^d — iiij steres of iiij yē age iiij^{li} — three bulles xlvij^s — xvij styrkes of one yere age vj^{li} — xxij store shepe xlvj^{li} — in otes cxj bysses xvij^{li} iiij^s — xvij score mettē of barly and beane and peysē xxij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — three score mettē of rye liij^s iiij^d — xvij federbeddē and xij materas xiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — xxvij bolsters xxj payr of blankettē xlvij cov̄lette viij pillois of downe xvij pylo beres and v cov̄yngē xxiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — xvij pare of flaxin shetes xxx pare of canvas xvij burde clothes xx towellē vj dosaynt of napkyns vij cov̄yngē for tables and cupburdē xj^{li} vj^s viij^d — vij whisshons of carpent warke and xvj other whisshons xiiij^s — three sylver saltes too pottē one goblett too dosaint of sylv spones and one chalys ix^{li} — too garnysse of pewter iij voyders x podychers ij pottē one bowle ij basyns and too ewers iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — vj brasse pottē vj panne iiij caldrons x chanlers one brasyn mor̄ w^t a pestill too frying panne and one skemere iiij^{li} xij^s — too leadē one colyng fatt ij brendretē viij paī of tange iiij spyttē one creaset ij chawfyngē dishis v gawberne iiij^{li} xiiij^s — iiij hogyhshedē xxv barellē ij brinyng keyre iiij stonde vj chystē ij great arke for corne w^t other abilymentē of howseholde vj^{li}.

Debiť q̄ defunctus debebat.

ffirst to Roger Urmyston of lent moneye Cj^{li} vij^s xj^d — S^r James Bolton vicar of Bolton lj^{li} xj^s viij^d — S^r Wiſſm Longley pson of P̄stwicke viij^{li} — Lauranē Asshawe xlvij^{li} — Gyles Morres iiij^{li} — James fforthe xxxvj^s x^d — Richard Lever xxx^{li} — Margaret Longton

widow ^{li} v^s viij^d — Henry Hopkyngson of Hulme ^{li} xl^{li} — Wiſſm Broke xxx^j^{li} ij^d — S^r Henry ffaryngton knyght ^{li} xl^{li} — Laurenç Brownlaw xvij^{li} iij^s viij^d — Elizabeth Legh ^{li} xl^{li} — James Morres xxij^s v^d — Wiſſm Kyrshagh vj^{li} — Nicholas Mather vj^{li} xij^s iij^d — John Whittell vj^{li} — Oly^v Lokewoode iij^{li} vj^s viij^d — Rauff Hasyhurst xxxiij^s vj^d — John Stones ix^{li} — John Walche xl^s — Robert Turno^r xxiiij^s ij^d.

THE WILL OF ALICE FRAMWALL OF CHESTER,
WIDOW.

IN Dei noīe Amen 12 Oct. 1550 I Alice fframwall wyddowe &c. My bodie to be buryed in my poche churchē Saynt Johns in Chester nygh the font I gyve unto my sonnes Wiſſm and Thomas one orcharde in the crofte of the citie of Chester to have &c. for xxjth yeres next ensuyng my decesse in recompence of the sume of viij^{li} sterlyng w^{ch} I borrowed of them in my greate necessitie And after the said xxjth yeres [it] shall remayne unto my son Roger and to [his] heyres togeyther wyth all other my lande and tentē and for defawte &c. then to my sonnes Wiſſm Tho^ms and Rauff and to thare heyres for ev^{er} To my daghters Roose and Elen my best beyde to be devydyd betwyxt them To my doghter Alice my second syl^v pyn and a payre of sil^v hoke a drepyng pan my iij^d gowne a flokbedd a covlett a blanket my eyse pott a platter a salser and a pewter disshe To my doghter Roose my best gowne a kyrtill my best syl^v pyn my best feddur bed w^t y^e bolster my best pan the bullen pott my best cubborde a yelow covlet and x^s in money To Elen my doghter my second fedd^r bedd ij pillooes a blancket a bl..... covlet my boghton pott a panpot a platter a maalen bassen and a salser To my son

Wittm my covyng a fyre chafer a flokbed w^tall thinge belongyng to the same a grate of iron my second cupborde and the settles in the hall To my son Thom̄s my cownter in the hall my second pan a meyte pot a grene covlet and vj^s viij^d in money To my two sonnes Wittm and Thomas all the implemente in the shoppe belongyng to thaire occupacōn I wyll that my son Roger shall have no pte of my goodē for I have paid for hym xxxv^s whereof was due to hym xij^s iiij^d and the rest of the same money I forgyve hym To my son Rauff xij^s iiij^d The rest of all my goodē &c. I will shalbe equally devydyd amongst my iij sonnes Wittm Thomas and Rauff and my iij doghters Roose Alice and Elen at the discrecōn of my honest neybors Wittm Walton baker Thom̄s Fleccher Rauff Wright John Henryson and Roger Bafforde I make my lawfull executors my twoo sonnes Wittm and Thomas Framwall And ovseers my forenamyd neyghbors Wittm Wallton Thom̄s Fletcher Rauff Wright and Roger Bafford (or Basford) the w^{ch} be witnessse of the same &c.

Script fuit p me Thomā Latwys.

THE WILL OF ROBERT COCK, PRIEST.¹

IN the name &c. 16 Jan. 5 Ed. 6 I Robert Cock prest &c. I wyll that my bodie and bones be buried in the churchē at Assheton under Lyme yf I departe in the sayde towne or piche I gyve to the povertie of the towne and piche xx^s so that the wyffe of Henrie Thorpe shall have theyre of ij^s provideth alwayes that in case be the kyngē money be munyshed afore the distribucōn of the forsaide xx^s that then myne executorē shall mynester acordyng as it wyll extende To my syster Alece the wyffe of Rauffe Walocke vj^s

¹ No date of probate.

viiij^d To Rauffe Walocke my best wynter jaket wyth sleeves To Nycholas Lyllie ij olde angels To Helen Lyllie and Johane Lyllie [each] ij olde angels of gold To Henrie Lyllie one olde nowble otherwyse called x^s and one olde angell a payre of bedstok^e a matres a boster ij blanchett^e ij coverlett^e ij rownde shet^e a qwete coveryng and one bedhengyng To my syster Johane late wyffe of Raufe Lyllie one olde ryall and one dubblie ducket To the wyffe of Henrye Cock my brothers wyffe ij^s To everie one of my god chyleren my blessing and viij^d To Jamys Cock ij yong waythers goyng be neyte the towne To my brother Henrie Cock all my woode in my turfe howse To Johane Weryngton xx^d To Elsabeyth Haroppe viij^d To Kateryn Wyttygare Rycharde Thomson Wyllyam Smyght everie one of them iiij^d To my cosyn Nycholas Leghes my selke hatte and my beste coyfe To Seth Haspynall iiij^d To Sir Edwarde Heape all my turves and my byrchen shides (?) lying in my chambre To my brother Sir Heleas Assheworth my best chappe ? To Charles Scolfelde my bowe one coate at the discrecion of myne executors To my syngler good maist^r Sir Wyllm Thomson person of Assheton one olde ryall of golde for hys goodnes to me shewed at all tymes To my syngler good Maistres Elezabeth Assheton in parte of my bundone dwetie one olde angell of golde To good Maistres Hopwode my daylie frende one ffyve shelyng of gold dyssyryng her to take it in worthe Also be it knowen by thys my p^rsente wyll wrytyn with my awne hand^e that I do owghe to my brother Wyllm neyther gold ner sylver ner yeth anye other dwetie savyng brotherlie love and charitie Also I confesse that my sayde brother Wyllyam Cock dowth oghe unto me ffyve pound^e To Laurance Lyffesley one Nwe Testament in Engleshe To my syster Johane late wyffe of Raufe Lyllie all the rest of my good^e to the bryngyng upe of her powre chyldren I wyll y^t Mr person shall have for my mortuarie acordyng to the kyng^e statute. I make my cosyn Nycholas Leghes and my syster Johane my executors and Sir Wyllm Thomson person of Assheton

supervisore of thys my laste will These beyng recordē Sir Edwarde Heape Robert Wryght and Robert Wenterbotham wth others

by me Robert Cock prest.

To Merget Brone two kerchyffē besyde her wages To St Edwarde Heape my sarcenett typpet Also the obligacion in the wyche my brother Wyllm Cock standys bowndon unto me for the payment of fyve pounce shalbe gevyn to my godson Robert Cock son of the sayde Wyllm by me Robert Cock prest.

In the inventory there are "one longe gowne of blacke xvij^s one wynter gowne ij shorte gownes x^s."

THE WILL OF JOHN BRADDYLL OF WHALLEY ESQ.¹

IN the name of God Amen 31 May 1575 I John Braddill of Whalley in the countie of Lancaster esquier holle of mynde &c. My bodye I doe bequeth to chirsten buryall in the north syde

¹ Proved September 1, 1599. John Braddyll, son of Edward Braddyll of Brockhole, by Jane, daughter of Robert Crombooke of Clerkhill, married Jane, daughter of John Foster of Whalley, by whom he had issue Edward, his son and heir; Richard; Anne, married first John Chew of Parkhead, and secondly Thomas Southworth of Highfield; Cicely, wife of Bernard Blakey Gent; and Jennet, who married Ugtred Morley of Braddyll. — (Corry's *Lancashire*.) His descendant John Braddyll of Portfield Esq. (ob. 1727-8) married Sarah, daughter and at length sole heiress of Myles Dodding of Conishead Esq., whose representative T. B. G. Braddyll Esq. a few years since disposed of Conishead Priory and other property in Lancashire. This Will corroborates Whitaker's statement that John Braddyll trafficked in the unsafe commodity of abbey lands to a very great amount, so that among the MSS. of his family a whole volume, No. 57, is filled with transcripts of these grants alone. The testator was buried at Whalley November 18, 1578, and his wife is erroneously called by Whitaker *Johanna*. — *Hist. Whalley*, p. 244. For some interesting notices of the halls of Braddyll and Portfield see *Assheton's Journal* (published by the Chetham Society) pp. 14-15, and a notice of the testator in the introd. page iv., and also in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 141, notes.

of the pishe church of Whalley where Jenet my wiffe lyeth whose soule God p̄don I make my most trustie frend the right worshipfull Gilbt Gerrard esquier the Quenes mait^r attorney gen^lall and Edward Braddill my welbeloved sonne my executo^r I geve to Thomas Singleton of Oxeforth thre pound^{er} sexe shillinges eight pennce And for as moch as I have maied a lease unto my servant Richard Craven of one ten^t in Dinckeley in the countie of Lancaster nowe in the occupa^cō of the saiede Richard yeldinge the yerelie rente of twentie foure shillinge [and] fyve pence my will is that the saied Richard C. shall not onelie not paie anie rent to my heires so longe as he shall live but that the same lease shall remaine to [his] executours paienge therefore then after yerelie the saied rente to [my] heirs &c. And if the saied Richard lyve longer then the yeres expressed in the saied lease then I will that [he] shall have the saied mess^{er} &c. hollie duringe his liffe wthout paienge any rente To Edward B. my eldest sonne one standinge pece of silver wth a cover whereon is graven the armes of Brockhole and the same I will maie remaine to the house of Brockhole as an heire lome and notte be taken awaie but lefte from heire to heire so longe as it please God that my heires male shall conteneu ther I will that the saied Gilbt and Edward shall deale to everye poore p̄sons cumynge to my buriall one penny and to cause the moste onest p̄sons that cometh to dyne to the number of foure score or therabout^e I will that my executours shall distribute ymediatlye after my death fyve m^okes to my powreste neightburs aboute my howses at Whalley and Brockhole and cawse them to pray for me Jenet my wiffe Richard Percie Thomas Shirburne esquiers and S^r Thomas Holcrofte knight deceased who were all my speciall good maisters wth whom I served one after another duringe their lyves and moste specially for Kinge Henry the Eight whose soules God p̄don by whom my firste risinge and gaine was gotten by byenge and sellinge of land^e and other div^{er}se bargaines To Jenet B. my doughter the bed w^{ch} she lyeth in the bedstocke one

painted chiste and all the goodē and implementē in the same
 chambr and closet beinge hir apell and implementē Unto Edward
 B. my eldeste sonne and heire all my bedstockē tables coppbordē
 shelffē presses formes chistes great arkē and all the glasse and iron
 in the wyndowes that are in my howses barnes stables and owte
 howses at Brockehall and Whalley one brewinge lead and panne
 w^{ch} standith faste in the brewehowse at Whalley and all my waines
 plowes sledē harrowes and all my irne teames yockē harrowe teyth
 hackē spadē hamers yrne crowes irne weighē wymbles tongeē of
 irne and all my irne cheimnes w^{ch} I have at Brockeholle and
 Whalley excepte one yrne cheimney w^{ch} I geve unto Jenet my
 doughter w^{ch} standith in the chappell at Whalley To my godsonne
 John Braddill one ringe of gold trustinge he will marke the pose
 written on the ringe To my sonne Edward B. all my booke as well
 statutē cronecles as other excepte one great booke maid by S^r
 Thomas More knight w^{ch} I doe geve to Jenet B. my doughter To
 my welbeloved cossen John Crombooke one of my beste cloth
 gownes and my beste velvat night capp. To my sonne Edward my
 beste ringe of gold trustinge fullie in him that he will be naturall
 good and frendlie to his brother and sisters and not onelye to contend
 wth them for anie thinge conteyned in my will even for that I have
 taken paines to travell all my liffe even to the daie of my death by
 the helpe of Almightye God to provyde the saied Edward his heires
 and the reste of my children of oneste lyvinge w^{ch} [I] wold not be
 for gotten but to geve thanckē contenuallie to Almightye God for the
 same And further trustinge that the saied Edward and John his
 sonne and all their succession will order them selves and their
 lyvinge accordinge as I desired the same lyvinge of Almightye God
 when I had no lyvinge w^{ch} was the first when I haid receyved the
 grace of Almightye God geven to me that I did suppose that I was
 by the sufferance of Almightye God comon to mans estaite and haid
 no lyvinge nor no frend that wold releve me my father beinge alyve

and not well contente wth me for that I was geven to gamynge and unthrifte and not willinge to followe his advice w^{ch} was boith godlye and profetable if my chance haide ben to a followed yt and notwth-standinge I did consider ther was noe helpe soker nor comforth for me at no hand to leyne unto but onelye to call to Almightye God whom I earnestlye desired that I might wth my sore labor and paines takinge obtaine and get trulie an oneste lyvinge to mainteyne an oneste house wherin I myght bringe upp my wiffe whose soule God p^{don} and children wth the rest of my famalie in the lawes of Almightye God and that I mighte be my self for a comon welth in all thinge that I could justlie doe And that I myghte distribute the reste that Almightye God pleased to send me in almes to my poore nebouris and in this mynd I truste to dey and after this sorte I doe chardge Edward my saied sonne and John his sonne and my godsonne and their heires to spend such lyvinge as it shall please God to send them to be steward^e of after my decease as they and ev^{ry} one of them will answare me at the dredefull daie of judgmente when we shall all mete affore the heighe judge for the moste pte of the land^e that I doe leyve unto them was geven and came to me by a speciaall gifte and sufferance of Almightye God wthoute any deserte of me at all by reason of byenge and sellinge of laund^e that I bought of Kinge Henry the Eighte and thereby gaite gaines to the intente that I shold distribute to the poore and be my self for a comon welth and all my succession likewise and so I truste Edward and John and all the rest wilbe and not to esteme the gaine of this world nether in takinge of fynes nor rasinge of rent^e for all thinge in this trancitorie world is but vaine and a shorte travell that wee muste pas throughe even as the flower springeth in somer and falleth awaie in wynter and when wee be deade o^r good ded^e shall p^{fett} us when incumes and rasinge of rent^e shall aske vengens affore Almightye God I will that all my tenū^e when they paie their firste half yeres rentes after my decease to my sonne Edward shall

have everye one of them twelve pence geven them again for a remembrance of the good will I beare unto them trustinge that my saied sonne Edward and his heires will use them well upon their deserte and good behaviour To everye servant in my howses that haith dwelled wth me eyther at Brockehole or at Whalley by the space of too yeres twentie shillinge To the repaçon of Whalley church twentie shillinge To Maister vicar tenn shillinge I will that Jenet my dawghter shall have too hundreth pounde in consideraçon of her good service and paines taken in kepinge of my house To the repaçon of Langall Chappell tenne shillinge everye yere to be paied oute of one lease wth I have of Wiſtm ffarington esquier and Anne his wiffe of the teith cornes &c. of Brockehole w^{ch} lease I doe geve &c. to Edward B. my sonne and John B. my godsonne upon this condiçon that they paie owte the said x^s yerelye at Christenmas onelye and se it bestowed yerelye duringe the yeres in the saied lease if the saied chappell so longe doe conteynewe and have devine service in the same and if it doe not so conteynewe then the said Edward and John and their assignes shall bestowe the saied tenn shillinge yerelye upon mendinge of the heighe waies in Billington betwene the Chowe Milne and the saied chappell and so directlie to Dinckley Brooke and in other places in Billington or els on the pooreste folk dwellinge in Billington To Gilbte Gerrard esquier my beste geldinge or meare To Richard Assheton esquier my second geldinge or meare To evy one that I am god father unto twelve pence apece To my servaunte John Chowe in consideraçon of his oneste and trewe service done unto me heretofore twentie pounde and his geldinge that he uses moste to ryde on wth the sadell and the harnishe belonginge to yt To my deare frend M^r Wiſtm Gerrard of Harrowe esquier fourtie shillinge desiringe him to be good and faithfull to my children as he haith ever ben to me and my children wthout any desert of me but onelye my good will To Margerie Chatburne wedowe my sister to Rob^t Chatburne Thomas Chatburne

Robt Chowe of the Potter Forth [and] Withm Blackeburne [each] fyve shillinge to James Holcar of Wiswall twentie shillinge to James Holcar of the Crosse Xpofer Robinson the younger of Barroweforth Xpofer Baldwen [and] John Speyke [each] fyve shillinge to John Pollard [the] young² one silver sponne w^{ch} is used to remaine in my galorye To M^{rs} Anne Gerrard one ringe of gold wherein is graven Knowe the self desiringe her to be good unto Jenet B. my daughter and rememb^r the word^e graven in the saied ringe as I truste she will To the children of John Tempeste of Wiresdale twentie pound^e in considera^on of [an] award maid by Gilbt Gerrard esquier the quenes mait^e attorney ge^hall that I should have geven to the saied children sextene pound^e and I am contente that the sextene pound^e be maied twentie pound^e w^{ch} is of my benevolence foure pound^e more than the award was I will that if any conten^on doe arise for anie pte of this my laste will that my moste trustie frende Gilbt Gerrard¹ esquier her mait^e attorney ge^hall and Withm Gerrard² of Harrowe esquier shall geve judgmente in all such doubt^e and such judgment as they or eyther of them makith I doe by this my awne hand admitte to be my full acte and laste will for that I have haid such doinge and experiance wth them boith that I certenlye knowe that they cannot be wrasted nor pswaded otherwais then the verie truste they be put in To Edward B. my sonne the leases of Crosedale Score Whitehalghe Field Crone Mosse all the teithe cornes and graines of Chatburne and the barne ther and the teyth cornes and graines of Whalley To John Braddill my god sonne my lease of all the teyth &c. of

¹ Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, afterwards knighted, Attorney-General, and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of the Lords Gerard of Bromley and the Earls of Macclesfield. He died in 1592-3, having married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Radcliffe of Womersley co. Lanc. Esq.

² Brother of Sir Gilbert Gerard. He lived at Flambords near Harrow on the Hill, and married Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Richard Page of Sudbury Court, by whom he had eight sons and two daughters.

Twiston and the barne ther Whereas I have a lease of our soveraigne ladye the quenes mai^{tie} that now ys of too cole pitte^r thone w^{thin} the comon and waiste w^{thin} the towne of Brunley called Brodehead and one other cole pitte w^{thin} the towne of Padiham w^{ch} lease beareth daite at Westm̄ under the seale of hir heighnes Duchie of Lancaster 3 May 19 Eliz. I geve &c. my saied lease unto Jenet B. my doughter she paienge the anuall rentt^r And if the saied Jenet deceasse affore the saied yeres be ended then Edward B. my eldeste sonne and heire shall have the saied lease To my servante Richard Craven twentie pound^r in considera^{cion} of his good service To ffraunc^r Samwell ffourtie shillinges To Thomas Ambrose ffourtie shillinges To Bernard Blakey my sonne in lawe and his wiffe ffourtie pound^r Whereas I have heretofore by the helpe and sufferance of Almightye God geven unto my sonne Richard B.¹ faire lannd^r and greate somes of money whereby he is verye honestelye preferred and well considered by me gevinge thanck^r to Almightye God for the same Soe have I also paied unto my sonne Bernard Blackey all his marriege good and also geven unto him di^{vers} somes of money w^{ch} I thincke well bestowed Notwithstandinge I doe geve &c. all the reste of [my] good^r to Richard B. Jenet B. and Bernard Blakey And thus all the world farewell I doe aske all the world forgevnes where I have offended any man and all the world I doe forgeve frelie Also the principall cause why I doe geve any of my good^r or leases to Edward B. is for this cawse that I wold have him to kepe his children to lerninge if it please God to make them apte thereunto to thend they maie serve God and the world truly and that the saied Edward beinge honestelie left to lyve maie the better attend to be for a comon welth in place where he maie doe any good

¹ Richard Braddyll was a lawyer and married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Thomas Catterall of Mitton Esq. and widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Sherburne of Stonyhurst Esq. — *Suffield MSS.* See also *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. lv. note 3.

to the poore and nedye and to conteynewe in praye[r] to Almightye God To John Chowe all my appell not bequethed excepte my beste garded gownes w^{ch} I doe geve to Edward B. I make my moste trustie and welbeloved Richard Assheton and Wifm Gerrard esquiers and John Crombrocke gentilman suprovisors of this my laste will trustinge they will se yt pformed as I wold have done for any of them if yt haid pleased God to have called for them as he haith nowe done for me and that my children maie quietlye agree to gether In witnes &c. [no witnesses.]

THE WILL OF HENY BYROM OF SALFORD,
MERCHANT.¹

IN the name of God amen 4 August 1558 I Henry Byrom of Salforde in the countie of Lancaster marchante somthinge deceased and troubled &c. My bodie to be buried in the parrishe church of Maunchestre or ells wheare yt shall please God in suche sorte and maner as shalbe to the glory of God nere unto my father and mother My goodes and cattells shalbe devyded into thre pte one parte unto my selffe one other parte unto my poore children and the thridd and laste parte unto my wiffe (according to the lawes of this realme) After my dette payd &c. I geve the rest of my parte of goodes unto too of my sonnes Robart B. and Laurens B. equally to be devydet betwixte theme Unto my eldest sonne Robart Byrom the howse or mancyon place wherein I now dwell wth all landes &c.

¹ Proved December 14, 1558. Henry Byrom, son of Adam Byrom of Salford merchant, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Beck of Manchester, by whom he had (with a daughter Isabel) two sons, — Robert, who dying without issue was buried at the Collegiate Church May 5th, 1586; and Laurence (buried June 26th, 1598), ancestor of the Byroms of Manchester.

to the same belonging that ys to saye the burgages in the holding of the wiff of Wiffm Radclyff John Robynson Robert Marshall Wiffm Bucke and other too howses or howse stedes standing nere unto Aspe Crofte Yate in Salforde and all landes and tenement^e as are now in the holding^e of Robart Pendelton and the wiff of Perys Massie als Perkyn M. together wth a pcell of grounde in Salforde in the Myddlefilde there To have &c. to the said Robart B. my sonne and to his heirs male &c. [remainder] to Laurens B. my sonne and to my right heirs for everr Unto my sonne Laurens B. all the landes &c. in Mannchester w^{ch} I latelie bought of Wiffm Strangways gent. and of Rauff Radclyff gent. late of Salford deceased To have &c. [remainder to the said Robert B. and the right heirs of the testator] Unto the poore people xij pec^e of gray rugge to be geven by my executours for the wealthe of my sawle Unto George Holte and Edmounde Holte and to eyther of theme iij^s iiij^d Unto John Estwoode xx^s Unto my cosin Rauff Browne xl^s Unto my ffrende John Gloverr xl^s Unto vj psons who shall cary my corps to the churche every of theme vj^s viij^d Also that sixe poore men torche bearers shall have every of theme a blacke rugge gowne To my too meydes Merget Marshall and Mergaret Browne and to eyther of theme vj^s viij^d To my sonne Robart B. my silver salte I will that John Estwoode shall have the howse and gardyn whiche he now dwellethe in during the lease w^{ch} I bought of one Bradshay then tenante to the same howse payinge yerely the rent accustomed Also that yf any of my children die afore thaie come to lawfull age then the goodes of theme so deceased to be equallie devydet emongest the rest of my children then lyvyng Also that Mary my wiffe shall have the bringing upp and kepinge of my children withe thair fflyyall porcōns she makinge unto my overseers a wrytyng having all my childrens porcōns of goodes wryten in the same And also having a cedula thereunto annexed yerely to be wryten in the same cedula the pfett^e of my landes &c. to my heirs dewe whereof one of the said

billē to remayne wth my wiffe thother withe my too overseers And if my said wiffe mary or die as God defende afore my children come to lawfull age then Adam Byrom my loving brother shall have the bringing upp of my children and make the said billis of accompte in the same manerr that the said Mary my wiff shulde Also I straightlye charge and comaunde my loving wiff and in case aforesaid my brother Adam to see my children brought upp in the feyre of God vertue good maners and learnynge and that thaye so brought upp in learnynge to beare pte of the chargē uppon their severall flyall partē of goodes and pte to be borne of the encrease of thair filiall pte yerelie growing of the same yf God of his infynyte goodnes so sende and provyde I make Mary my wiffe Adam B. my brother and Thomas Birche gent. my executors Unto Thomas Byrche aforesaid gent. yf he survyve me and take paynes in this my will iiij^{li} Iſm I shall requyre and most hartelie desire my loving kinsman Rauff Browne and my lovyng ffrende John Gloverr aforesaid to be supvysours These being wytnes Rauff Browne John Gloverr and John Estwoode withe others.

Hec sunt debīt que ego debeo In p^rmis to my brother Adam Byrom l^j^{li} To Robart Mershall for the perching of xxjx peses of rugge jx^s viij^d whereof v are in the handes and custodie of Robarte Mershall aforesaid.

Hec sunt debīt q̄ mihi deb . . . In p^rmis of Rauff Pendilton . . . Iſm of Alexander Wilde ij^s whereof I forgeve theme the same to praye for me.

THE WILL OF JOHN BYROM OF BYROM ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 13 May 1592 I John Birom of Birom My bodie to bee buried in mine auncestors buriall in the parish church yard of Winwicke All my goodē shalbee devided into three pte whereof one third pte shalbee to my self another to Mildred my wieff and the third to my children Henry and Elizabeth equallie betweene them To Anne Birom w^{ch} is at Henrie Dunsters howse xx^{li} to bee paied w^{thin} one whole yeare after my decease to the handē of John Ownsworth and Richard Arowsmith and bie them tooe to bee put furth to her best use To John Birom sonne of Henrie my sonne one bowle of silver w^{ch} I now have and use To Anne Damporte daughter of Thomas D. xx^{li} under this condition that shee shall first make a release to my self and my heires concerninge the landē bie mee purchased of the saied Thomas D.² and the saied xx^{li} to bee paied w^{thin} one yeare after my decease yf the saied condition bee observed and otherwise not att all I geve x^s towardē the repation and amendinge of the way in the lane betweene Westley Milles and the house of Laurance Twisse neare Leigh To all my servingmen and yomen as well reteiners as of howsehold everie of them vj^s viij^d To my workemen servantē and maide servantē evie of them v^s To evie one of my sonnes children (excepte John) a cowstirke worth xx^s a peece To my cossins the right wors^{ll} Mr. Bold of Bold and Mr. George Ireland of the Hutt and to John his

¹ Proved by Henrie Byrom of Westleighe July 25, 1593. John, son of Henry Byrom of Byrom Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Bold of Bold Knight, married and left issue Henry his son and heir aged 30, 1593, and Elizabeth, wife of Robert Hindley of Hindley Gent.

² The testator in 5 Elizabeth purchased from Thomas Davenport a messuage called Davenport's, which was sold May 15th, 1641, by his great grandson John Byrom Esq., slain at the battle of Keynton in 1642.

sonne and to Mildred Saunderson my wives daughter evie of them a ringe of gold of the valew of x^s for a remembrance To Mildred my wief my best silver salte and one horse or geldinge called Hodame and one other called Hixwell To Mildred Bradley one cowstirke of the valew of xx^s I geve twentie windles of barlie to bee bestowed uppon my poore neighbors bie my said sonne and wief To my sonne Henrie my three gownes my satten dublett my velvett dublett and my hose of velvett I make Henry my sonne my executor and my afforsaid cozins the right wor^{ll} Mr. Richard Bold and Mr. George Ireland supvisurs and ovseers Debt^e owinge to mee Imp^rmis Wood bie obligation iij^{li} x^s Item John Tailer x^s Ifm John Sothworth viij^s Debt^e that I owe Imp^rmis to my brother Henrie xxxvij^{li} x^s Item to my servant William iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Ifm to Williã Heypey xxix^s Ifm to John Hindley iij^s viij^d Ifm to Ownesworth xvj^s Ifm to M^{res} Margaret Manley iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Ifm to Margaret x^s Ifm to James Crompton Cxij^s iij^d Ifm to James Crofte lj^s Ifm to Robte Ifm to o^r Ma^{tie} for the subsidie xxvij^{li} John Birom to the makinge and ensealinge hereof Gilbert Ireland Robte Whardle p me istius scriptorē.

In the inventory, which contains nothing interesting, the testator is described as "John Byrome late of Byrome esquier." The sum total was £259 18s. 8d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BYROM OF MIDDLETON IN WINWICK PARISH GENTLEMAN.¹

IN the name &c. the firste day of December 1590 witnesseth that I Richard Byrom of Myddleton in the pishe of Wynwicke gen-

¹ Proved July 31, 1591. Richard, younger brother of John Byrom of Byrom Esq. See p. 116.

tleman beinge sicke of bodie &c. doe make this my last will &c. My
 bodie to be buried at my pish church of Wynwicke And for such
 goods as God hath given me thuse and custodie of first my debtē
 shalbe paid and the rest to be devided into two ptes vizt one pte for
 my selfe and thother for my wife To my nephew Mr. Henrie Byrom
 my great crosse bowe and the racke wth the arrowes belonginge
 to the same To John Fraunce my fustian dublet and one paire of
 stockinge To Nicholas Whitell my best breeches To Mathew
 Banker my sleveles jerkin and my frice jerkin To my cosen William
 Byrom my best blacke jerkin To Thomas Dampford my bowe and
 arrowes To William Mather my old servant one paire of shoes To
 Williã Twisse one paire of shoes To John Goulden one crosse
 bowe lathe and one gouse To Hughe Anskowe x^s w^{ch} he doth owe
 me And the rest of my pte I give to Elizabeth my wife and I make
 my executors Elizabeth my wife and John Golden And I require
 the right worshipfull S^r John Sothworth Knight John Byrom
 esquire my brother and Henrie my nephew to be over seers Debtē
 that I doe owe Imprimis to Thomas Dowdson for one yoke of oxen
 vij^{li} x^s Iſm to the said Thomas iiij^s viij^d. Iſm to William Lawton
 xl^s Iſm to Thomas Bate for John Aston xij^s viij^d Iſm to the wife
 of James Wright xx^s Iſm to Isabell the wife of Henry Twisse x^s
 Iſm to Williã Byrom for all reckoningē betwene him and me vj^{li}
 Iſm to Elen Mather iiij^{li} It to M^ogaret Hilton for one halfe yeares
 wages vj^s Iſm to William Whittell lende money iiij^{li} ij^s vj^d Debtē
 owinge to me the said Richard Byrom Imp^r M^r Henrie my
 nephew by bills dated the xth day of May last [the following sums
 of money] vj^{li} liij^s vj^{li} xl^s Item M^r John Culcheth the yong^e by an
 obligacōn w^{ch} is in the keeping of Williã Stanaught vj^{li} Iſm litle
 Gilbert Ownsworth vj^s viij^d Iſm Robte Whittell of Abrame xiiij^s
 Iſm Thomas Risley iiij^s Iſm the said Thomas for a locke xij^d Iſm
 the said Thomas for a chest ij^s In the presence of Henrie Sowth-
 worth John Garrard William Twisse Nicholas Whittell Mathew
 Barker wth others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BRUEN OF STAPLEFORD GENT.¹

IN the name &c, 27 July 1587 I Robert Bruen brother to John B. late of Stapleford in the countie of Chester esquier decessed &c. My bodie to be buried in the churche or chauncell in Tervin, and if hit please my nephew Mr. John Bruen to lycence my bodye to lye in hys chappell I geve towards the reparacon thereof xiijs iiij^d To my nephew John Bruen esquier² and to my neice his wyffe my sealinge ringe of gowld To my sister Marie Bruen my howpe ringe of gowld To my brother James B. and to my neice Ane B. one obligation that John Phillip of Great Barrowe and George Woodward of the same towne be bounden in my brother James B. to have it for his lyfe and after his deathe to remayne to my neice Ane B. To my brother James B. my cloake To my neice Ane B. one greene scarfe of taffata To my neice and god daughter Marie B. ten pounde the w^{ch} Henrie Post owethe me To my neice Elizabeth B. x^{li} that William Rogerson of Chester owethe me To my neice Margaret B. and to her sister Kateren B. viij^{li} xiiij^s x^d that Henrie Post owethe me To my nephewes George B. William B. and Robert B. xl^s that Thomas Bylden of Chester and Jane his wyfe owe unto me To Thomas Bruen of the Gleg Yate my fryse gowne my best jerkin and breeches and my dropper or hanger and my dublet of whyte rashe To Raphe Bruen my best payre of neyther stocke of carnation colour To Richard Turner my gerkin of silver colour and breeches of the same and my dublet of Normandy canvas To

¹ Proved November 14, 1587. Robert, sixth son of John Bruen of Bruen Stapleford Esq., by Mary, daughter of Otley of Otley co. Salop. — Ormerod, vol. ii, p. 175. In the inventory he is described as Robert Bruen late of Stapleford gentleman.

² See *Ashton's Journal*, p. xv.

Richard Mekin my fryse jerkin and breeches To Nicholas Wyld
 my jerkin and breeches of the same cloathe that Raphe Bruen his
 cloake w^{ch} I gave him is of and my dublet of doe skinn^s leather To
 Raphe Annyon my blew neyther stocke and my best hatt To Ales
 Fisher my greene scarffe of sylke To Wyddowe Annyon my best
 payre of sheetes and a shirte To Ellen Annyon a yard of my new
 cloathe I bought for shirtes and one of my three coffers To Robert
 Cotgreve my thrummed hat and one payre of neyther stocke To
 Lawrance Ridgewaye the cooke and to everie of the maydes in the
 howse xij^d I ordayne my worshipfull sister in law Doritie Bruen
 and my sister Marie Bruen my executors unto whom I geve all the
 rest of my good^e In witnes &c. James Bruyne George Bowen
 Thomas Bruen William Newport Robert Cotgreve.

THE INVENTORY OF SIR THOMAS BUTLER
 OF BEWSEY KNT.¹

THE Inventory indented of all the good^e right^e chattell^e and
 dett^e of S^r Thom^s Butler late of Bewsey in the countie of
 Lanc. Knyght decessed wiche are come to the handes and pos-
 sessyon of Dame Anne Butler wedowe late wyff of the sayd S^r
 Thom^s and Elizabeth Butler dought^r of the same S^r Thom^s ad-
 minist^r of all the sayd good^e and chattall^e the daye of exhibitynge of
 this invent^t w^{ch} were praysed by George Smyth Henry Fowden
 Wiilm Pendleton and Hugh Pylkynton at the instance of the sayd
 admynyst^r the xxijth daye of October Anno R. R. n^{re} Elizabeth

¹ Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. descended from William le Boteler (living in the time of Henry III.) married Elleanor, daughter of John Huddleston of Sampton, co. Camb., Esq., by whom he had, besides two daughters Margaret and Elizabeth, an only son Edward Butler, the last heir male of this antient family. — *Suffield MSS.*

vicesimo primo 1579 the apparell and juelles of the sayd Dame Anne excepted and to her pper use allwayes savyd.

Corne and haye Imp^rmys xvj acurre of barly xxix^{li} v^s — viij acure of oates jx^{li} ij^s vj^d — ij bayes of haye in Sonkye berne and one other baye in the oxhowse ende vj^{li} Sm^e xliiij^{li} vij^s vj^d Shepe and calves xxxv shepe v^{li} x^s x^d — xv calves vj^{li} Sm^e xj^{li} x^s x^d Swyne xiiij of the beste at xj^s the pese vij^{li} iiij^s — xx of the secunde sorte vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — the thredd sorte xxj spedynge at iiij^s iiij^d the pese iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Sm^e xvij^{li} iiij^s Horses one nagge callyd dun Davy iiij^{li} — one hoby color baye iiij^{li} — one geldyng callyd graye Norres v^{li} — one other callyd blacke baye v^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — one roned geldyng iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — one geldyng callyd baye Holcrofte iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — another callyd bald Crofte iiij^{li} x^s — the whyte fete mare xl^s — a lyttle blacke mare xx^s — one baye mare for his owne saddle liij^s iiij^d — a sorelled mare iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — the bygge blacke mare liij^s iiij^d — a geldyng callyd whyte Holcrofte v^{li} — the yonge dun geldynge v^{li} — a geldyng callyd baye Worsley l^s — another callyd whyte Dutton l^s — one other callyd sorellyd Doncast iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — a baye curtall nagg xl^s — a nagge callyd Blackeberde xliij^s iiij^d — the pyed colte vj^{li} x^s — a graye mare iiij^{li} — the two mylne horses xlvj^s viij^d Sm^e lxxvj^{li} xvj^s viij^d Plate and juelle one bassen and ewer sylver graven weying lxj onz. xvij^{li} vj^s — a nest of tuñes sylver wth a cover weying liij onz. xv^{li} iiij^s iiij^d — one salte sylver wth a cover weying xvj onz. et dī iiij^{li} viij^s — one dosen spones sylver weying xvj onze iiij^{li} viij^s — one cristall crosse not valued Sm^e xlj^{li} v^s iiij^d Eles and chese certen salte eles vj^s viij^d — xx dry cheses xvj^s viij^d Sm^e xxiiij^s iiij^d Linnyns one tabull cloth damaske worke x^s — a towell of the same worke iiij^s iiij^d — xij tabull napkyns of lyke worke vj^s — v cubburde clothes v^s — iiij flaxen towels vj^s — iiij flaxen pilowe beres iiij^s — xiiij payre flaxen shetes lv^s — ij long flaxen towelle xvij^d — xvij olde flaxen tabull napkyns ij^s iiij^d — one fflaxen tabull clothe iiij^s iiij^d — an olde dyapur tabull clothe viij^d — iiij course canvas tabull clothes iiij^s — vj cupburde clothes flaxen

ij^s vj^d — viij payre canvas shetes xvj^s Sm^e v^{li} xvij^s viij^d Beddyngē
 hanging beddstidde queshynnes woll taball stoles burde and ladder
 ij quilted covyngē xvj^s — iiij wollen blankette frysed jx^s iiij^d — ij
 other olde wollen blankette ij^s — xij coverlette iiij^{li} xij^s — iiij other
 olde covlette x^s — iiij bolsters xvj^d — vj other course covlette xx^s —
 x other olde course covlette x^s — vij other olde blankette vj^s — ij
 bolsters iiij^s — iiij mattresses xiiij^s iiij^d — ij olde carpette thoñ for a
 tabull thother for a cupburd ij^s viij^d — one joyned bedstid wth curtens
 of blew taffata iiij^{li} — the hangyngē of dornyx of three chambers with
 ij cupburd clothes and iiij curtanes for a bedd all of dornyx vj^{li} jx^s —
 a paynted cloth in the hall v^s — ij other joyned beddstidde xx^s —
 ij queshynnes xij^d — ij stone woll xxiiij^s — v sawed burdes viij^d —
 a ladder iij^s — viij stoles ij^s iiij^d — ij cheres xvj^d — one scare [*sic*]
 tabull in the plar v^s Sm^e xxj^{li} xij^s viij^d Brasse pewter and insture
 goode in the kechyn brewhowse dey howse and buttre one brasse
 pan weying xij^{li} viij^s — ij lyttle brasse pottē weying xj^{li} v^s — ij
 long gowbarde vj^s viij^d — ij drepyng pannes vj^s viij^d — one fryng
 pan xx^d — ij dosen aud x platers vj potyngs xx small dysshes xvj
 sawsers weying vj score pounce iiij^{li} — ij broches xvj^d — one grydd-
 yron viij^d — iij pewter chambpottē ij^s — iiij pewter candlestickes
 iiij^s — xiiij pewter plates iij^s iiij^d — one bassen and ewer pewter
 iij^s iiij^d — ij pewter cannes or flagannes vj^s viij^d — one brasse pan in
 the dey howse xvij^s — v olde eshynnes xx^d — iiij stone mugges viij^d
 — j churne iij chesfurthes one commbe and ij tre platters xx^d —
 one brewyng leade in the brewhowse xxvj^s viij^d Sm^e vij^{li} xvij^s
 Apparell and crosse bowe one payre shorte velvett howse vj^s — one
 sattyn dowblett x^s — a taffate dowblett wth howt sleeves v^s — one
 payre long velvett breches xxvj^s viij^d — a rydyng cloke lynyd wth
 unshorne velvett l^s — a garded cloth cloke wth sleeves xxvj^s viij^d — a
 Spannyashe lether jerkyn vj^s viij^d — a long gowne of sylke grogram
 xxxij^s iiij^d — an other long gowne wrought velvett vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — a
 velvett cloke lyned wth buckrā liij^s iiij^d — a shorte furred chamlett

gowne xxxij^s iiij^d — an olde blew rydyng cloke vj^s viij^d — a payre of bootē ij^s — a crosse bowe wth the keper v^s — one other taffate dowblett iiij^s Sm^a xx^{li} ij^s Waynes ploughes and other husbandry stuff with turffe and cole ij olde waynes xx^s — vj draught yowkes iiij cheynes wth ij payre weldes xvj^s — ij cuttyng axes one hachett iiij spades one hacke one byll two negers and one chesell iiij^s vj^d — iiij baye of dep turves vi^{li} x^s — vj lode cole vj^s viij^d Sm^a vij^{li} xvj^s ij^d S^m tof colv^{li} xiiij^s ij^d.

Supra dict^o inventoriū exhibitū fuit et est sub ptestacōe de addend et corrigend.

The inventory of all the rest of the goodē chattallē dettē plate and juellē of the w^{thin} named S^r Thom^s Butler wiche at the tyme of exybytyne hereof were come to the knoledge of the sayd administē and are from them deteyned by Edwardē Butler esquier and others whom the sayd admynistē have in sute for the same.

Inp^rmys the lease of the psonage or rectory of Weryngtone with all the tythes and pfittes thereunto belongynge for many yeres yett induryng.....all the tythes of corne and haye of the same psonage in this last yere viz. Anno Rē Elizabeth vicesimo primo.....sertene olde corne remaynyng in Burtonwodd berne at the death of the sayd S^r Thom^s estemed to xv^{li} — serten olde corne lykewyse in the sayd psonage at the death of the sayd S^r Thom^s estemed to xiiij^{li} — iiij baye of hay at Bewsey detened allso and esteymed to jx^{li} x^s — one baye [of] haye in the psonage berne deteyned and estemed to vj^{li} — ij stackes hey in Bewsey pke deteyned and estemed to l^s — the lease of a chantry in Weryngtone callyd Butlers chantry Cattell praysed by the within named prayzers the daye w^{thin} specyfyed and deteyned as is afforesayd xxiiij kyne with ij bulles x^{li} — vj of the best oxen xvij^{li} — other vj oxen xiiij^{li} x^s — viij stures of iiij yere olde xij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — xiiij twynter heffers xvj^{li} iiij^s — viij other twynters vj^{li} viij^s — xiiij styrkes viij^{li} iiij^s — one lyttle odd styrke xij^s Husbandry stuff wth sawed burdes tymber fallen in the

pke and olde tymber lykewyse deteyned as is afforesayd iij payre [of] plough irons estemed to iij^s iiij^d — v hassyng (or hussyng) spades lykewyse estemed to iij^s — one payre [of] wheales shodd wth iron estemed to xx^s — serten sawed burd^e in the close lefte wth a grett nomber more in the porter his lodge estemed to xxxiiij^s iiij^d — xj score and xj tymber treis fallen in the pke estemed to lx^{li} — olde tymber lying in the courte at Bewsey and about the howse liij^s iiij^d Lynnyngs with booke clocke and bell lykewyse deteyned as is afforesayd viij payre [of] flaxen shetes estemed to iij^{li} — vj chamb towelle estemed to x^s — one Englysshe bybull wth other bookes estemed to iiij^{li} — the clocke and bell estemed to iiij^{li} Beddyng hanginge carpette cupburd clothes pictures tabulles cheres stoles lykewyse deteyned and estemed as folayth p^ticulerly xxij ffetherbedde estemed to xx^{li} — xx bolsters estemed to xl^s — v blankette new stuff to liij^s iiij^d — a grene sylke quylted covyng xxvj^s — a lyn quilted covyng to x^s — iij covlette to xx^s — one flocke bedd or mattres to vj^s viij^d — vj pelys to xij^s — one test^r sylke for a bedd wth iij curtens moccadowe in Sr Thom^s chamber to xxv^s — the picture of Crist in the same chamber.....the quenes maiesties picture iii^s iiij^d — one long tabull in the plor to vj^s viij^d — iij joyned stoles there to iij^s — ij cheres there to xij^d — a payre [of] playng tabulle to xvj^d — one carpett for a tabull and one for the cupburde in the plor to vj^s — a scare joyned tabull in the stonde in the pke to iij^s iiij^d — ij trocull bedstidde to ij^s Saddles brydles colers horse clothes lytter wth lytter saddles beaste hyde raw and tanned dereskyngnes dressed and undressed with glasse and sealyng deteyned as is afforesayd one horse lytter wth saddles and their appurtynaces vj or viij rydyng saddles wth their brydles and saddle clothes colers and horse clothes to the same.....vj tanned cowhyde.....the kye hyde kyllid at the buryall.....dere skyngnes dressed.....certain undressed.....all the glasse and sealyng at Bewsey..... Brasse pewter kechyn stuffe and other instare [or

insture] in the kechyn brewhowse boltyng howse dey howse and chese chamber deteyned as is afforesayd and estemed as aft^r apperyth Kechȳ iiij brasse pannes estemed to iij^d — iiij brasse pottē to liij^s iij^d — one brasse cawdron to viij^s — one leade cawdron vj^s viij^d — a drepyng panne ij^s vj^d — one frying pann to xvj^d — one payre [of] rackes to v^s — two chaffyng dysshes to iij^s — one grydyron to xij^d — one morter and pestell to vj^s viij^d — one long brandreth to x^s — ij pewter platters to ij^s viij^d — iiij small pewter dysshes to ij^s — vij broches to x^s — ij choppyng knyves to viij^d — a mynsyng knyff to vj^d — a dresser knyff to vj^d Dey howse a lyttle brandreth in the dey howse to xij^d — a payre [of] fyry tonges to vj^d — vj mylke leadē sett in frame to xx^s — xiiij stone mugges ij^s vj^d — xl hard and dry cheses xxx^s iij^d Boltynge howse ij barrells and two syffes in the boltyng howse to viij^d — iiij turnellē or tubbis to x^s — iij emptye hoggesheaddē in the chese chamber ij^s vj^d — iiij commbes xx^s — one malte arke to ij^s vj^d A cheiste in the yeylyng house x^d — a bultyng tubbe and a syftyng tubbe xij^d — a greatt brewyng leade to xxx^s iij^d — ij cowple dī olde lyngē[?] to xvj^s viij^d. Plate and butre stuffe wth glasses stillatory and bedd pann lykewyse deteyned as afforesayd and estemed as hereaff folayth ij bolles wth one cov^r sylver.....iij other sylver bolles.....one other lyttle sylver boll.....a sylver cup wth a broken cov^r.....one sylver salte gilde.....a stone pott garnysshed wth syl^v and gilde.....vj brasse candlestickes estemed to jx^s iij^d — iij bassens with ewers to xiiij^s iij^d — ij pewter voyders to vj^s — a case of tabull knyffes to iij^s — ij lether jackes to viij^d — xj drynkyng glasses v^s — ij tyn bottellē.....viij watter glasses x stonndes and barrellē xxv^s — one stillatory to v^s — a chaffyng pann for a bedd to iij^s iij^d — a sylver toth pyke to xvj^d Apparell arm^r wepons guñes copis vestymentē tronkes cowfers badges and close stole deteyned as is afforesayd one payre [of] blacke Jersey stockyngē.....a sattyn dowblett.....a whyte canvas dowblett.....a syde cloth gowne.....a taffate hatt.....

a blacke felt hatt.....iij larg velvett cappç.....ij other velvett
 cappç of a lesser sorte.....vj shurtes.....ij bagges thoñ of spruse
 thother chamlett.....viij vestmentç ij cowpes of velvett and sylke
 fayre ymbrodered.....ij peases of testore and hangyngç of velvett
 and sylke.....iij corselettç and theire furnytüre.....xiiij cotes
 of plate.....viij or jx calevers..... one case [of] pystolles.....
 a case [of] dagges.....iij hengers or skeynes.....iij buckelers
one drom.. xxj badges sylver.....a crosse stole covd
 wth lether.....ij tronkç and ij tronke cowfers bonde wth plate..
 v or vj other chestç or cowfers..... Dettç specyalties wth money
 swannes wax hony and blacke brydd lykewyse deteyned as is affore-
 sayd one obligacon for xl^{li} due by Richard Eaton and James M^rbury
 xl^{li} — money that was in S^r Thom^s purse at his death abowt vj^{li} —
 3ten [certain] mylned vj^d in an other purce to the valure of.....
 one Adam Egge by his byll deteyned by the sayd M^r Butler x^{li} — ij
 payre [of] swannes.....the hony and wax of certen hyves.....
 a blacke brydd and her cage bought by S^r Thom^s in London.....
 one.....Wooton of London due by his byll when he is of abylytie
 to paye the same xx^{li}.

Sup^dicf invent^u exhibitū fuit et est sub ptestacōe de addend^u et
 corrigend^u.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BRADSHAW, SERVANT AT ARMS.¹

IN the name &c. 3 Sept. 1592 I Richard Bradshaw servante
 at armes beinge &c. my body to X^pian buriall at [the] dis-

¹ Proved 11th January, 1592-3. Richard Bradshaigh, sergeant-at-arms to Queen Elizabeth, was a younger son of Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh co. Lanc. Esq. This family is now represented by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres of Haigh Hall, near Wigan.

creacōn of my frends And as touchinge my goodē my will is that my executor here after named and my bretheren Thomas and Withm Bradshagh shall have all such landē &c. in Hagh in the county of Lancaster as I heretofore had of the demise of Roger Bradshagh my father duringe the continuance of the lease and that Alexander Standish of Standish gentleman shall assure unto my sayd exeċ and the sayd Thomas and Withm B. the lease therof and all his right and interest therin To my nephew¹ Riċ Gravend esquier one watch or clocke of silver To my neece Gravend now wief of the sayd Riċ one looking glasse To my sister Anne Radcliff one peece of gold now in my deske to the value of vj^s w^{ch} is called a pistole and late was my mothers To my brother Withm B. a gold ringe now one my finger To M^r Maynond² one picture of the ould lord keeper³ To my brother Thomas B. all my apparell at London wth my rapier and dagger there one cover one chist one trunke and my bed wth all furniture therunto beelonginge To my sister Ellin⁴ all the linnen in my trunke at Kirkeleys To Riċ Standish my boy to bee payd unto him at thend of five years next after my discease the some of v^{li} Ifm wheras ther is in my deske at London one bonnd of the some of one hundreth and fifty poundē for payment of a hundreth poundē I give unto Katherin and Jane Bradshagh daughters of James B. deceased fflorescore and ten poundē therof and unto Edward Rigby esquier ten poundē to bee payd at such tyme as the same shalbee due and the rest of all my goodē I geeve &c. unto my welbeloved brother Edward B. my sole executor These are the debtē which I doe owe Imprimis to the executors of Xpofer Anderton esquier vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d — to M^r Gilbert Wakringe xl^s — to M^r Chi-

¹ Richard, son and heir of Thomas Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. by Anne, sister of the testator (afterwards wife of William Radclyffe Esq.), direct ancestor of the present Marquis of Westminster.

² Qu. Maynard.

³ Sir Nicholas Bacon, lord keeper 1558-9, ob. 1578-9.

⁴ Ellen, wife of Ralph Houghton of Kirklaes gent.

dioughe Warder xl^s — to M^{rs} Margaret Whitney widowe the xxjth of November next comming vj^{li} xiijs iiijd — Ifm to the sayd M^{rs} Margaret Whitney to bee payd unto her at evy xxjth day of November next after the sayd xxjth day of November during the space of foure yeares now next ensuinge vj^{li} xiijs iiijd a yeare untill the sayd some of xxvj^{li} xiijs iiijd bee fully payd To my brother Edward B. viij^{li} To Richard Sallam and one Jackson for makinge apparell — These are the debtē whiche bee owing unto mee Imp^r of M^r Thomas Dutton of Bickershagh w^{ch} I lente to his wief the some of vj^{li} v^s These be witnesses hereof Ed. Rigby Signū × Dorothee Rigby John Baley.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BIRCH OF HINDLEY BIRCH GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 28 Sept. 1595 I Thomas Birche of Hindley Birche in the pishe of Manchester and in the countie of Lancaster gent. &c. ffirste I comend my soule &c. and my bodie I comitt to buriall to bee buried w^{thin} the churche in Manchester in the chapell called Jesus chappell Item my ffunerall expences shalbee discharged of my whole goodē that done it is my will that my goodē then shalbee equallie devided into iij parts whei of one parte I give to An my wife accordinge to the custome of the countrie an

¹ Proved 10th February, 1595-6. Thomas, son and heir of George Birch of Birch Hall gent. by Marion, daughter of Thomas Beck of Manchester, married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Chetham of Nuthurst Esq. (marriage covenant dated 16th April 2 Edw. VI.) and secondly, Anne, whose surname is unknown. His younger brother, William Birch, was warden of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The testator was buried there 14th October, 1595.

other parte I give unto my twoe sones Robarte B.¹ and William B. my yongeste sone the iij and laste parte I give unto William my yongeste sone excepte such legasyes as I shall give heirafter to bee taken out of the iij parte for hee hath been broughte upe wth litle charges in comparisone of my other children for my twoe doughters Alis and Jenet have had a hundreth markes ether of them and more in money and other stuffe It is my will that the some of v^{li} yearly bee taken forth of the Wood Knowle and the Broad Meadowe for the space of x yeares whei of it is my will that v noables a yeare duringe the space of foure yeares nexte after my decease bee payed to the feoffees of Manchester Schole and the reste of the some of v pound duringe the tearme aforesayed to remaine only to my sone William B. but if William B. my sone his parte doe amounte to the some of a hundereth pounde then it is my will that William my sone shall have but the one halfe of the v pound yearelye duringe the tearme of x years aforesayed Item that George my sone and his heyres at any time heirafter if it please them maye redeeme the some of v^{li} the yeares aforesayed Item whearas the wife of James Holand hath a bill of myne of vij^{li} or theirabout and hath not delivered it backe againe unto mee I payed the same money to hir when I receaved the money of hir that came from Walshoat of London Item whearas I have been at coaste and charges for Edmond Platt and the lande belonginge unto him theirfore it is my will that William my sone shall have the rule and governement of his lande for that he is garden [guardian] to him by lawe Item that George and William my sones shall keepe Edmond Plat to learninge soe longe as the shall thinke good It is my will that George my sone accordinge to his promise doe quietly permit my wife to have twoe parlors or other convenient places to her use if shee meane to continew heare and keepe hir heare unmarried If any

¹ Robert Biroh, fellow of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, buried there 12th April, 1609.

trouble or controversie happen to arise betweene my wife and children or any of them I desyre yo^w my trustie frend^e Mr. Robarte Hulme of Redishe my nephew Mr. James Cheethame William Brownehill and Raphe Houghton or some twoe of yo^w to doe yo^r beste indevoure to make peace and quietnes amongste them I give to George my sone and his heyres theise heirelomes followinge as the weare lefte to mee the great garner in the barne the great steepe keere the yrans in the halle that came from Durrame the silver salte the stone troughe in the kitchin the one halfe of the harness and weapons in the house To Alis and Jenet my daughters eyther of them a stirke To foure of George my sone his children the white heapher To Jhon Whelwrighte my blew coate and lether doblet worste hyer end^e of hoase a shirte and a hat To Henry Wilkensone my better frize coate To George Houlme Adam Hyale Edward Teliare George Psivall Arnold Blomeley Jenet Hyndsone [and] Margret Wilsonne [each] iij^s iiij^d To Elizabeth Psევall a cowe or els xl^s To Richard Jenkins ij^s To Elzabeth Hardey xij^d It is my will that my executors shall take order for the payment of my dept^e as apeere in my deptbooke w^{thin} the space of one yeare nexte after my decease I make my executors An my wife and William my sone I apoint my overseers George B. and Robarte B. my sones Theese beinge witnesses Thomas Greaves George Psევall George Hulme.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CHADERTON OF THE
LEES, CO. LANC., GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 11 Aug. 1572 I Thom^s Chaderton of y^e Leze w^{thin} y^e countie of Lancast^r gentylmā &c. I do comitte my

¹ Proved 12th May, 1573. The testator married Joan, daughter of John Tetlow of

mortall bodie to Chrystyan buryall wthin the pisshe churche of Old^m To Anne Crompton wyff of Wyll^m Crompton my dough^t one hūdrethe markē To Alis Chaderton my dough^t one hūdrethe markē and also xl^s by yere during hyr lyff issuyng fourthe of my inheritaunce of Foulftin in the countie of Staffort To Jane Chaderton and Brydgit Chaderton my dough^t [each] one hūdreth markē To Katryn Travys wyffe of Hugh Traves my dough^t one hūdreth markē All the aforesaid quyddē or legasies it is my wyll that my soñe George Chaderton shall paye y^e same wthin the space of one two [sic] yere next aft^r [my] deathe in..... of suche thingē as I wyll gyve unto hym in thys my last wyll To Jane my wiffe all my purchessed landē in Māchest^r and aft^r hir death to remayne to [my] right heyre To Jane my wyff all the koened [coined] golde and sylv^r in my chyst or custodie excepte my funerallē and forthe bryngyng wich I wyll shalbe taken of the same golde and sylv^r To Laurence Chaderton my soñe xl^s by yere yssuyng out of my inheritance in Foulf^r in y^e countie of Staffort tyll the said Laurence may spend by yere in benefies or other pmosions one hūdreth markē and then y^e said xl^s shall not be payed to y^e said Laurence any longer Unto Wyll^m Crompton and Anne his wyff the revsion of one lease wich I have of y^e graunt of Thom^s Crompton decessed of y^e Whit Crofte in Crompton To ev^r one of my executourē xl^s a pece for there paynes Itm to Edwarde Berdsley Thom^s Chadwicke Robert Clegg and Adam Shawe [each] a jaket clouthe of viij^s the yarde To Alys Grene my servāt womā a gowne clouthe of viij^s the yarde To George Chaderton my suñe my best ring to be a heire lome for ev^r and all y^e goode that I have

Chamber, by whom he had (with other children) a younger son, Laurence Chaderton B.D., Master of Emanuel College, Cambridge, and one of the translators of the English Bible. — *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 116. The Testator's grandson, Thomas Chaderton of the Lees Gent, recorded a pedigree of three descents at the visitation of 1613. His arms were Sable three bars argent. Crest, on a wreath a husbandman holding a scythe ppr, and the motto, "Ein doe and spare not." — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. p. 153.

wth dettē and cattals aft^r y^t my legasies and dettē be payed I make my executore Edmnde Assheſn of Chaderton esquier Richarde Radclyff of Langley gentylmā and John Taylear of Horshedge In witnes &c. in the p^sence of S^r Rodg^r Wrygley my curate Adam Hyll and Edmnde Smyth wth others.

Theis be the dettē due to me y^e said Thom^s Chaderton Alex- and^r Houghton and Wyllm Davynporte adminystrators of the goode of my Ladie Radclyffe xv^{li} John Bucley of Whytſfelt xx^s John Hylton de Beyle More xv^{li} Henry Taylear my tenand xl^s Jam^s Bucley my suñe in lawe v^{li} the said Jam^s for y^e Beyre Fylde iiij^{li}.

Theis be y^e dettē wiche I y^e said Thom^s ough To S^r Rodg^r Wrygley iiij markē To y^e wyff of Rič Wolfendē and to hyr chyl dren xxvj^s viij^d For y^e gronde in Whetstonhyll xlvj^s viij^d Katryn Watson ux Omfrey Watson iiij^{li} Wyllm Radclyff of Māchest^r xl^s Henry Hardie of Manchest^r xx^s.

John Taylear of Cohyll ought unto me vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d and hathe pmysed and plegged unto me one clowse of hys tenemēt called Blocke Ryding for eyght yerē to come Notwthstanding the said pmysse I am contēt to release y^e said John of y^e said fyle and bargayn yf he do paye unto me or to my suñe George betwyxe this and y^e feast of Saynct Mychaell tharāngell next the said suñe of sexe poundē xiiij^s iiij^d.

THE WILL OF DAME CHRISTIANA CALVELEY OF LEA.¹

IN Dei nōie Amen in the viijth yer of y^e reyne off Kyng Henry the viijth in y^e xvjth day of y^e monthe of Novēber that I Dame

¹ No date of probate. The testatrix was the daughter and heiress of Thomas Cottingham and widow of Sir Hugh Calveley of Lea, co. Cest., Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

Crystyane Calveley make my testamēt in y^{is} man^ſ off wyse in my gud helth In p^mis I beqweth my sowle to Almyrgthy God and hys mod^r Mary and to all y^e saynt^e in hevyn and my body to be broghte to y^e chyrche off Būbury yff yt plese God In p^mis y^{is} my wyll y^t iij yere aftur my desesse a prest to synge for my husband and mee to y^e qweche mat^ſ I wyll y^t yt be fulfyl wyll [while] xx^{li} wyl laste And I wyll y^t my sun George apon my blessing see y^t y^{is} be done And [I] wyll y^t Antony have y^e londe y^t I have in Chestur duringe hys lyve To sayd Antonye a stonyng pese of syl^ſ w^t a cov^ſ I wyll y^t my lady have a gylde gurdyll y^t shee hase al redy also y^e fed^r bed y^t ys wⁱⁿ hyr chambur My dogrtur Elsabet¹ my suns wyve my best gurdull and my best bed^e [beads] My dogrtur Clyffe² my blacke gurdull and my syl^ſ bed^e [beads] Hyr dorgtur Crystyan Clyffe xx noblus to hyr mareage Also I wyll y^t my dogrtur Elsabet my sons wife shall delyver the said gurdull and bed^e to hyr son Huḡ and hys wife Also I wyll that y^e seid Huḡ shall have the ij new salt^e delyv^ſyd hym at hys goyng to howse I wyll that Elsabet Calveley Ellen and Crystyan have ichen of theyme a gerdell and a peyre of brode shetes Also my son George howys unto me xx markes in on pcell and iij^{li} in a other pcell and xx^{li} in a other pcell I wyll that Elen have my best gowne and girtle and smokes and cherchef^e Also y^{es} byn y^e dedt^e y^t byn howyng me In p^mis Perys Dutton howys to me xl^s in on pcell and y^e same Perys howys me x^{li} in a other pcell by y^e hond^e of S^r John a Dutton Also John Aldersey a marke and iij^s iij^d Also Wyttm Masse of Codyndton a marke Also my syst^ſ Margere Calveley vij nowblus for rente and xx^s for a hoggyshede of wyne Also I make my sone George my Lorde Abbot and Antony Calveley my exsecutors and my Lorde Abbot of Chestur ov^ſseer y^t my wylbe fulfyllyd And thys done I geff all my londys and godys and dettys to my son George Calveley.

¹ Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. and wife of Sir George Calverley Knt.

² Alice, wife of Richard Clive of Huxley Esq., ancestor of the Earls of Powis.

The inventorye off the goode off my ladye Cristian Calveleye In p^rmis ij great saltē w^t a cover pcell gilt xxxvij once viij^{li} viij^s — a gilt cuppe off silv^r w^t a cov^r contaynīg xxxj ownces vj^{li} iiij^s — a pece off silv^r contaynyng xij once xl^s — a nutte w^t a cov^r contaynyng xxiiij once iiij^{li} viij^s — a maser cōtaynyng vij once xxv^s viij^d — a dosen silv^r sponys cōtaynyng xij once xl^s Sum^m xxiiij^{li} viij^s viij^d iiij fether bedde — vj floke bedde — vj bolsters — viij pelows — vj pelow beris — v blankette — xj cov^rlette — ij cov^ryngē — v brasse pote — a pā and a mo^rt^r presed unto x m^lke.

THE WILL OF THOMAS VALENTINE OF
BENCLIFFE, CO. LANC., GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 28 March 1550 4 Edw. VI. I Thomas Volantyne of Benclyffe gent. &c. and my bodye to be buried in Eccles churchē I gyffe to my sunne Richarde Valentyne all my landys &c. accordyne to the teno^r of certen dedys indentyd made 7 Oct. 3 Edw. VI. also that there be dysposyde of charyte to pore folkys by the advyse of Syr Robart Langley and Richarde my suñe the sum^m of xxvj^s viij^d I gyffe &c. all the reste of my goodys and cattals to Recharde my suñe my executor And I make Syr Robart Langley of Agecrofte knyght [my] supvysore Also that all yemen and offycers wthin the howse shall have ev^{ry}e on of theym xij^d a pese

¹ No date of probate, but the inventory is dated 8th April 4th Edw. VI. Richard Valentine of Bencliffe Esq. (sixth in descent from the testator), baptised at Eccles 18th June 1675, was high sheriff for the county of Lancaster in 1713. By his will, dated 23rd June 1713, and proved at Chester in 1716, he bequeathed Bencliffe Hall to his kinsman Thomas Valentine, clerk, of Franckford in the county of Sligo. The latter in 1766 devised the estate to Samuel, eldest son of John Valentine of Boston in New England, by a member of which family the hall and fifty acres of land were sold about the year 1792 to a Mr. Partington.

to prey ffor my sawle and evye servynge meye xij^d lykewyse to prey for my sawle and evye husbandman or workman iiij^d a pese to prey for my sawle To Alys my servaunde woman for hyr paynys takynge v^s To evye on of the gentylwomen xij^d a pese to prey for my sawle Thes beynge wytnes Thomas Dodeson p^{ste} Robart Langley Robart Howlden Thomas Longworthe Thomas Locke Nycholas Langton Robart Halle Henrye Dodeson Ottys Hollande of Clyfton wth others.

THE WILL OF CHARLES WORSLEY OF
MANCHESTER, YEOMAN.¹

IN the name &c. 8 April 1641 I Charles Worsley of Manchester yeoman being infirme &c. my bodie I commit to the earthe to bee buried in Christian manner And consarning such worldly goods as the Lord hath bestowed upon mee my will is that the bee devided into tow equall part^e one to bee equally devided among my fflower children Raphe Worsley of Platt Edward Worsley of Rusholme Alice Boulton wyffe of Thomas B. of Salford and Cycley Brounsword wyffe of John B. of Manchester And thother part I do reserve unto my selfe To my eldest sonne Raphe W. one large statute booke out of the said part To my granchild Charles W. sonne unto my afore named sonne Raphe W. my great Bible To my sonne in law John Brownsword my booke caled M^r Tindall workes To my doughter Cycley Brownsword my fforname of brasse

¹ Proved 8th May, 1641. The testator married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Gee of Manchester, by whom he had an eldest son, Ralph Worsley of Platt in Withington. He married to his first wife Isabel, daughter and heiress of Edward Massey of Manchester gent., by whom he was father of Charles Worsley, a major-general in Cromwell's army. — *Harl. MSS.* 2110, fo. 32.

All the rest of my part of goods to bee equally devided among my tow sonnes Raphe W. and Edward W. and my tow daughters Alice Boulton and Cycley Brownsword I appoint my welbeloved sonne Raphe W. of Platt within Rusholme and my lovinge sonne in law John Brownsword of Manchester [my] executors Signed &c. in the presence of us Lawrence Owin James Backhouse.

THE WILL OF ANNE GREENHALGH,
WIDOW.¹

IN Dei nōie Amen 16 January 1566 [1566-7] I Anne Grenehalghe widow &c. my body to be buried in the pishe churche of Burye To Thomas Grenehalghe my sonne ij oxen ij stagge ij steres iiij kyne and a bull one stagge of iiij^{or} yeres ould all stuffe belonginge unto the kechin and viij shepe o^v and besyde xx^v shepe w^{ch} he ought to have by his ffathers will To Elizabethe Bradshaw the wyffe of John Bradshaw and her children xx^{tie} pounde To Laurence Banister and Eliz. Banister his sister xv pounde To John Bradshaw my sonne in law a bay stagge of ij yeres ould To iij children of George Sellers w^{ch} I am grandmother unto vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d To John Grenehalghe and his wyffe the best bed in the cham^b above the hall and all thinge belonginge unto it a silv salte wth a

¹ Proved 4th February, 1566-7. The testatrix was daughter of Robert Langley Esq. of Agecroft, by Eleanor, daughter of William Radclyffe Esq. of Ordsall (see p. 16 ante, *Note*) and married John Greenhalgh Esq. of Brandlesome. She left issue Thomas, her son and heir, and three daughters, Alice, Elizabeth wife of John Bradshaw Esq. of Bradshaw, and Anne, who married George Seller. Her descendant, John Greenhalgh Esq. of Brandlesome, was Governor of the Isle of Man under James Earl of Derby from 1640 to 1651, in which year he died of his wounds, after having been present at the battles of Wigan Lane and Worcester. — See *Assheton's Journal*, pp. 5, 6, and *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 29.

co^v double gilte a chalice wth a patten and all thinge belonginge unto the chappell [which] shalbe lefte after ther deceasses at Braundilsome as heire lomes I geve ffraunc^e Holte xl^s To Nicholas Banister ij twyn^t sturcs of theyme that lye w^{thout} To Nicholas Grenehalghe one twyn^t heffer of the best To James Scolfield my servaunte ij shepe To Ric. Scholfield an other of [my] ³vaunt^e two shepe To Hughe Whiticar xij^d To Hughe Cowope xij^d To S^r Hugh^e Hardman pryste one stone of fyne wolles that lyethe in his chamb^r To Anne Geste one matteres and one cov^lette To my foure ³vaunt^e mayd^e ev^y of theyme ij shepe To Anne Grenehalghe daughter unto my sonne Thom^s G. xij shepe To my ³vaunte Thom^s Johns xx^v shilling^e To the children of John Bradshawes w^{ch} I am ground-mother unto tenn pound^e To Bartlemewe Grenehalghe v^s To Elys Haworthe v^s To Henrie Cowoppe iij^s iiij^d To Ric. Elyson iij^s iiij^d To S^r Rog^e Hodgkinson pryst x^s To my daughter Ales the best payre of sheet^e save one payre and the best bourd clothe To Edmund Grenehalghe xij^d To Eliz. Bradshaw one standinge chyste in the lower pler To my daughter Anne Seller the chyst that hathe the writing^e in standinge in the same plor To the wyffe of John Grenehalghe the chyst that hathe the shet^e in To Anne Bradshaw the square coffer that I ley my kercheff^e in standinge in the same pler To my sonne Thom^s G. ij great arke^e in the bake house one basen and one ewer in the butterye To Nicholas Banister iiij^{or} sil^v spones To John Grenehalghe one sil^v spone To John Bradshaw one sil^v spone To George Seller and his wyffe ij sil^v spones To Elizabeth Bradshaw my daughter ij sil^v spones To my sonne Thom^s G. the heire in the kilne To Anne Bradshaw and Elizabeth Banister all the lynyen yerne flaxe and tow in the house To my sonne Thom^s G. my good will of the tyethe of Tottington conditionally that he shall suffer my executors to take the pffitt^e therof toward^e the payment of the rent^e for the same and p^rformaunce of my will excepte the p^rvy tiethes w^{ch} he shall have to his owne p^rper

use All the rest of my goodē &c. shalbe devyded at the onlie discrecions of my execut I make my execut ffraunce Holte of Gristlehurst and Nicholas Banister of Altam esquiers And I desire Thom̄s G. of Brandelsome esquier my welbeloved sonne S^r Ric. Johns clerke and pson of the pische church of Burye and John Bradshaw my sonne in lawe esquier to be my supvisors In witnes &c. in the p^sence of S^r Hughe Hardman clerke Elis Haworthe Bartlemew Grenchalge and Ric. Elyson wth others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ARDERN.¹

IN Dei noīe Amē 22 Oct. 1540 32 Hen. VIII. I Robert Ardern dredyng dethe &c. my body to be buried in the pische church wher as hyt shall ffortune me to deyt I beqwethe to a wele disposyt pryst sadde and of vertuose cōdycoṁs xij^{li} to syng masses.....saule iij yeres in the church were yt shall please God that my body or bones shall lye and the seyde p^rst shall have x^s to fynde hym bredde and wyne and all other thyngē.....ary and the sede pryst one yere of the seyde iij yers shall seye a trentall of Seynt ory wyt that at longe y^{to} and the seyde prist shall begynne the trentall at the next.....aft^r my deptyng and so foloyng the utas of evy feast and also the sayde pryst shall seye evy Tuysdaye.....se of requiē and dyрге and comēdaṁ on nyght afor and the seyde pryst shall p^ry for the [soul]s of my father and my moder and S^r Perys Leght knyght and pryst as he doyth for my saw.....the seyde pryst to helpe to do devyne v^yce in the church on holy dayes and evens yf he [be req]uyryt Also I wyll that all suche peple as helpe to bryng me fourthe shall be taken to.....se and have bredde and ale

¹ No date of probate.

by the dyscretioun of my executors Also I wyll that ther be xl.....to sexe score of the poryst howses wⁱⁿ Stokport and Manchast¹ pysches wⁱⁿ xij dayes.....my decesse and thaye and thayr meyny[?] to be requiret to p^y for my saule Also I wyll have.....e masse and a dyrge of the qwere were hyt shall fortune me to be buryed at my buryall.....jth surgys to be sett ov^r me and othyr lyghte by the dyscretioun of my executors and also I wyll that my executors shall cause that daye and wⁱⁿ viij dayes aft^r a trentall of masse[s to be] seyde for my saule To the repa^{co}n of Stockport church^e xl^s To our lady ³v^yce x^s To seynt Pet^r ³v^yce viij^s To seynt Antonye ³v^yce.....iiij^d To the repacyon of Wynwhyck church^e xx^s To the byldyng of Chedull church^e or steple or repayryng of the same vj^s viij^d To the.....ryng of Denton chapell vj^s viij^d To the chapell of seynt Stephen of Alvandley xl^s To Norden church^e vj^s viij^d To Dedysbury church^e j^s iiij^d To the repacyon of Glossoppe church^e vj^s viij^d To [the] maryage of my eldest doght^r Alyce x^{li} To our lady chapell of Dystele vj^s viij^d to be sette in the boke of broderhode Also where as I was executor to my m^r ¹Syr Perys Leght knyght and prest I take yt upon my charge as I shall answare afor God that I have no man^h of goodes of hys gold ner sylvur except as her aft^r foloys that ys to wyt iij yardes of black fryce aft^r vij^d a yarde x knott^e of blew threde y^e p^rce iiij^d viij knott^e of whyte threde y^e p^rce iiij^d a nold leysthe² a case of leydur to cary a glasse in a gafflyn hedde³ in money vj^s viij^d also halfe a pownde and a quarteron of greyse a hert gratter of wode also a leyde mall [? mallet] If ij twytfyn baskytte⁴ y^e p^rce xij^d I have hade more then these bot not past the value of xij^d thes goodes

¹ Sir Peter Legh of Lyme, created a knight banneret at the siege of Berwick 22 Edward IV., died at Lyme 11th August 1527, having appointed Robert Ardern one of the executors of his will. — See Beaumont's *Warrington in 1465*, note, pp. xiii., xiv.

² An old lease.

³ That part of the cross-bow which was used in bending it. — Halliwell *in voce*.

⁴ Baskets made of wicker-work?

Mayst^r Perys Leght of Bradley oghe to have bot he doyth oghe me for more then thys To Annes the wyffe of Rauffe Robynson in Denton xx^s To Annes Lauder of Alderley xij^s iiij^d To Merget Byrchall the doght^r of Uyrn Byrchall dwellyng in Assheton in Wynwhyck poche in Lancashyre xij^s iiij^d I wyll that all suche that be owyng money to me whyche the names be in a bylle [hav]yng thyt merk P be pardnut as myche as the seyde merke shall stande a nend^e and not.....es To the makyng or upholding of Penkefurthe brygge vj^s viij^d If to the makyng of Frodsam brygge vj^s viij^d Also I wyll that one be hyryt to go for me.....seynt Truyons in Scotlande and offer [for] me a bende placke whyche ys in my purse Also I wyll that one go on pylg^rmache for me w^t a bend crossyt grote and a mette of wax w^t v lytyll schys brēnyng at evnsonge over nyght and at matens and masse on the other daye to oure Lady of Walsyngh^m To Robert Ardern my neyview my tawne saten boublet [doublet] I wyll that my executors shall paye any thyng that canne be provyt that I oghe and make a mendes to any mā that I have hurte that can be provyt be ryght To Thomas Handley my black gowne My other apparell for my bodye shall be delt emonge my teñntes in Stockport pych..... to Hughe Geffronson in Weryngton pysche I gyffe my borde clothe of twylle the one halfe to Denton chapell to be auter clothe and the other halfe to the chapell of seynt Stephyn of Alvandley To my neyview Rychart Hollonde thre of my best sylvr spones and to my cosyn John Ardernne two sylvr spones and my best cofur To my dōht^r Alyce my omber beydes The rest that shall lefe over my wyll fullyllyt shall be put in a cofur in a sure kepyng by my executors at the oversyght of my supvysurs and they to kepe the keye and so to delyvr yt at the tymes necessary for my doght^r Alys proffet and yff yt fortune her to decesse afor she have receyvyt thes goodes then myn executors w^t the oversyght of my supvysors shall dyspose hyt in almes dedes for my sawle and my fryndes saules To Alyce my doght^r my bedde And

I make Rychart Hollande of Denton esquier John Ardern of Ardeyne esquier and Thomas Davēport of Dysley chaplyn my executors and I wyll that yechon of theym shall have x^s for theyr payne over and besyde theyre costes To S^r Roger Warde x^s to p^y for me and to be a caller on that thys my wyll be fulfyllt.

THE WILL OF CAPTAIN RALPH STANDISH.¹

IN the name &c. 21 December 1637 I Captaine Raphe Standish younger sonne of Alexander Standish late of Duxburie in the countie of Lancaster Esq^r deceased &c. And my bodie I comitt to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in Christian buriall And for my goods and psonall estate I bequeath the same as herein is declared that is to say To my brother Thomas Standish xx^s and to every one of his children except Ratcliffe xx^s My sister Joan and every one of her children xx^s My sister Alice xx^s her daughter Anne Asshton v^{li} her three children had by her second adventure to every one of them v^{li} My brother Gelibrand x^s Hamblett Ashton x^s My brother Banaster x^s My brother Alexander xx^s Alexander his wiffe x^s his daughter Joan xx^s My ant Elline v^{li} S^r Raphe Asheton xx^s My uncle Ratcliffe Ashton xx^s The poore of Anlesough Heapey Whitle Chorley and Duxbury viz^t to every townshipp xx^s My nursmam Jane Croston desireing her to wynd mee xl^s My cosin Henry Ogell xx^s My cozen Thomas Sergeant th'elder xx^s My cosin Katherin Sergeant x^s To William Leigh batchlor of divinitie xl^s My cosen Thomas Longworth xx^s My cosen Margrett Crosse xx^s My cosen Jane Asheton x^s John Jameson x^s I bequeath after my debte &c. are paied all the residue of my said goodē &c. unto Ratcliffe Standish daughter unto Thomas Standish to bee putt forth for

¹ Proved February 11th, 1637 [1637-8].

her use by my executors untill shee come unto yeares of discretion And I desire that my brother Standish shall have nothing to doe with it And I doe hereby constitute &c. my brother Alexander S. and Edward ffarneworthe of Duxbury bestoweing of them tenn pounde apeece for their paines executors of this my last will not doubting but they will trulie execute the same according to my desire and trust in them reposed And now to God bee praise for ever and ever amen Memorand that theis goodē hereafter menconed were given by Captaine Raphe Standish in his lyffe tyme by word of mouth viz^t To my Lord Strange one case of pistolls and a dra-goon To his sister Banaster one beaver hatt one fur'd coate one cadowe and a seller of botles To his nephew Richard Clayton one case of pistolls three musketē a targett a leading staffe powder bagg and two other litle peecees To his brother Alexander his sword To Edward ffarneworth a litle filde bed To Tho. Crompton his boy in money vi^{li} and some of his cloathes at the discretion of his executors To W^m Nickson one demicastor hatt and some other old cloathes at my exec^{rs} discretion One old Testam^t to his sister Banaster and the rest of his bookes to any of his frendē that desired one at y^e discretion of his exec^{rs} Sealed &c. in presence of Richard Haydocke Edward Wyke &c.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH WIDOW OF JOHN
ORRELL OF TURTON ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 23 January 1606 [1606-7] I Elizabeth Orrell late wiffe of John Orrell late of Turton in the countie of Lan-

¹ Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Butler of Rawcliffe Esq., by Isabel, daughter and coheiress of John Clayton of Clayton. Her grandson, Wm. Orrell Esq., sold the Turton estate in 1628 to Humfrey Chetham, the founder, for £4,000.

caster esquyre deceased being &c. my bodie to be buried in Clayton chappell wthin Leyland church or otherwise at the discrecion of my sonne ffrancis Orrell And as touchinge the disposicōn of my goodes my will is that they shalbe equally distributed amoungest my sonne ffrancis Orrell his children To my sonne Richard Orrell one litle whyte silver salte wth a cover and one dozen of silver spoones wth the maden heade ingravēd upon everie of theim Unto Richard O. sonne of my sonne ffrancis O. a greate silver salte wth the cover beinge dooble guilte and one dozen of silver spoones comonly called the twelve appostles Unto my doughter Susan nowe wiffe of Thomas Ryley of the Greene one silver tune and the third pte of all my lynnē beinge equally divided into three ptes Unto Sara Orrell doughter of my saide sonne ffrancis O. all the residue of my plate and one other third pte of my lynnē and the other third pte to Anne O. wiffe of the saide ffrancis O. Also my will is that one fetherbed one caddowe two coverlettē one brasse pott and one blanchett shalbe excepted to be bestowed by worde of mouthe as hereafter I shall thincke good and my apparell of my bodie To everie one of my household 3vntē three shillinges [and] foure pence Moreover be it knowne to all men that whereas formerly there hath bene conveyancē made betwene me the said Elizabeth O. ffrancis O. and Richard O. on the one ptie and Wiltm Orrell of Turton esquyre on the other ptie bearing date 15 Febr 30 Eliz. amongst other thinges it was agreed that I might convey the yerelie sōme of sixe poundes duringe the lyffe naturall of some pson to be noiated in my lyff tyme the saide aⁿuall some to be yssuinge forth of my landes in Clayton nowe knowe you that my will is that all the same sōme of sixe poundes yerelie shalbe to all intentē and purposes unto ffrancis O. younger sonne of ffrancis O. of ffrarrington for his lyffe naturall Also I make Richard O. and ffrancis O. sonnes of the saide ffrancis O. my saide sonne my executors And I desire my sonne in lawe John Wrightinton to be supvysor of this

my laste will And for his paynes I doe gyve him a silver cupp pcell guilte Thes beinge wytnesses Roger Langton Thomas Ryley Peter Werden Thomas Ryley Riċ Charnocke junior.

The inventory of all the goodes and chattalls w^{ch} were late belonginge to Elizabeth O. widowe decessed taken the xxvth daie of Januarie Anno Regni Regis Jacobi &c. quinto Inprimis one silver salt double guilt wth a cover v^{li} — one dozen of great silver spoones vj^{li} — one other whyte silver salt and a dozen of spoones iij^{li} x^s — one silver tunne xxxij^s iij^d — one silver cuppe xx^s — twoe other silver cuppes guilt v^{li} — twoe silver bowles v^{li} — sixe silver spoones xxxij^s iij^d — for lynnens for her body xxvj^s viij^d — thirty fyve payre of sheetes jx^{li} — in lynnens for the table iij^{li} xij^s iij^d — twoe cupboardes twoe chistes and one folden board xl^s — her apparrell x^{li} — one bedd wth the furniture v^{li} — in stooles quishions and cheares xx^s — in gould and silver lvj^{li}.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BEXWYCKE, CHAPLAIN.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen Anno Dñi M̄c̄c̄c̄c̄ xxxiiijth quarta decimo die mensis Septembris Ego Ricard^o Bexwycke capellan^o compos mentis sane memorie eger tamē corpore condo meū ultimū testamentū in modū et formā sequentes fyrst I beqweith my sole to Almyghtie God my maker and redem^r to oure blessed ladye hys mother the vgen sencte Marie and unto all the holy cōpany of heven Also my bodye and bones to be buryed in pystch church of Meddylton I gyve to y^e

¹ No date of probate. In the painted window in Middleton Church, commemorating the battle of Flodden, are the "vera effigies" and name of Richard Bexwick, who was, very probably, a relative of the testator. — See Corser's *James' Iter Lancastrense*.

most necessarie werkes of the sayd church of Middleton xx^s To Sir Thomas Mawdysley¹ Sir Omfray Crompton Sir James Hopwod² Sir Robert Cocke unto evy on of theym xvjd to say dirige [and] masse and to praye for my sowle Unto Thomas Lee y^e clerke³ to rynge and pray for my sowle.....Unto iiij alewyffes that is to say y^e wyffe of Oliver Unnesworth y^e wyff of Wiffm Talior y^e wyff of Robert Fytton y^e wyff of Robert Jakes unto evy on of theym xij^d to forgyff me where ev^y I have offended theym Unto xij poore scholers xij^d or more att y^e disposition of my executors Also I gyff &c. x^s unto Sir Roger Ireland to say a trentall of masses at Middleton for my sowle And yf he cannot have licence from hys 3vys [service] to say it there I wyll that it be putt to another poore prest that is out of 3ves at y^e dysposition of my mayster and my executors as they thinke most expedient to say it at Middleton aforesayd Unto Thomas Wyldes my jaket of cloth Unto Anne y^e wyff of Thomas Wyldes ij^s viij^d eyther in money or other thynges worth the same money Unto Mayst^r Rauff Assheton Mayst^r Edmund Hopwod John Harper John Cowope the whych be my suretyes unto evy on of theym vj^s viij^d I make my executors Roger Bexwicke my father John Cowope my brother in law Edward Bexwike and Rauff Bexwike my brethren to fulfill thys my last wyll unto the pleasure of God and helth of my sowle and to dyspose and order y^e residue of all my gud moveable and unmoveable after my whyddes and dette^r payd yf there any remene unto the p^reservation of my sowle as they thinke most necessarye Also I hertely dyssyre my mayst^r Ry^c Assheton esquier and Mayst^r Ry^c hys soⁿe and heyre to be my supervisors &c.^r Given the yere and day above rehersed.

Among the debts due to the testator is the following "iiij mark^e

¹ Sir Thomas Mawdysley was probably curate of Middleton, as from the 28th May 1549 he enters the baptisms in the Register Book to 30th April, 1551.

² "Sir James Hopwood buried 24th Sept. 2 R. Maria." — *Register Book*.

³ The Leighs were parish clerks of Middleton for at least a century after this date.

in the hande of John Cowope toward y^e contentation of my pension payeable at y^e fest of All Halowys."

THE WILL OF ISABEL HOLLAND OF
SALFORD, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 13 Maye 1598 I Isabell Holland of Salford in the county of Lancast^r widdowe beinge &c. my bodye to be buried in the pishe church of Manchest^r neare weare my late husband Georg^e Holland and other my auncestors and ffrinde weare buried To my suster Margret Tetlowe widowe the yearlie rente of fforttie shillinge duringe the tearme of twelve yeares next ensuinge the daie of my decease yf the said Margrete T. so longe doe lyve to be yearlie issuinge out of my moytie of the messuage or teñte in the Newhalle w^{ch} I hould under M^r fflower I doe devise &c. all my saide moitye of the saide messuage or teneñt and lande thereunto belonginge togeath^r wth all my corne and grayne nowe thereuppon springinge and growinge and all other comodities &c. except the saide yearlie rente of ffortie shillinge to my two children John H. and Anne H. equallie to be devided betwixt them for one whole yeare next after my deceasse And after the said yeare ended I doe give &c. the rev^{con} of the yeres w^{ch} I have in the said moitye &c. to my eldest sonne Othes H. (except the saide yearlie rent of ffortty shillinge) I geve &c. the lease w^{ch} I have of two messuages &c. in Salford to my sonne Robert H. towarde his better mayntenaunce in learninge To the saide Anne H. my dought^r one lease w^{ch} I hould of Thomas Shawe gent. of one pcell of land beinge in Salford Unto my daughters Isabell Chetam and Anne H. all my apparell for my bodie and all my jewells to be equallie devided betwixt

¹ Proved June 23, 1598.

them To ffoure children of my sonne James Chetam¹ to witt Edward George Henrye and Isabell Chetame twenty pounde equallie to be devided amongst them To my cousine Rauffe Byrom² gent. my best peese of silver plate To my cousine Thomās Byrom the seacond or best peese of silver plate next in goodnes to the former To my god daughter Susan Byrom dought^r of the said Thomas B. one cowe Unto my said sonne James Chetame one sylver pott gilte wthout cover To my suster Elizabeth Prowdlowe one spurriall To my cousine Jane Byrom wiff of the foresaid Rauffe one duble duckett in gold To my dought^r in lawe Katherine Holland one stone pott wth a silver cover and garnished wth silver To my sayd sonne Robte H. my best standinge bedd one fether bedd one bolster one mattrys two pillowes two pillowe beares two blankette two paire of flaxen sheete and a coveringe To Margerie Shughsmythe my s^vante xx^s To my s^vante Ellyne Sym xx^s To my s^vante John Scothill vj^s viij^d To my servaunte Henry Shughsmythe alias Hoult vj^s viij^d I geve my s^vant Isabell Dowson vj^s viij^d Unto Elizabeth Adlinton tenn shillinge All the rest of my goodē &c. I geve to my two children John H. and Ann H. equallie to be devided betwixt them Yt is my will that my sonne in lawe James Chetame shall have the tui^cōn of my saide sonne John H. and goverment of his goodē untill he shall come to the age of twenty and one yeares And I doe referr the order of my funerall to be done by the discretion of my executo^{rs} hereafter named And I doe constitute &c. executo^{rs} of this my last will my welbelovide children Robert H. and Anne H. And I desire my welbelovide sonne Othes H. my sonne in lawe James Chetame my lovinge cosins Rauffe Byrom and Thomas Byrom to be overseers &c. In wytnes &c. in the p^sence of thees p^sons &c. Robert Leigh Edward Briddocke his mark Robert Leighe the yonger Isabell Holland.

¹ James Chetham of Crumpsall gent., eldest brother of Humphrey Chetham the Founder.

² See the Pedigree of Byrom of Salford (*Byrom's Remains*, vol. ii. part ii.), where all these Byroms occur.

THE WILL OF THOMAS GRENE OF
MANCHESTER, YEOMAN.¹

IN the name &c. The yere of our Lord God mccccclvj^o that ys to say the vjth day of August I Thomas Grene of the towne of Manchest^r wythyn the countye of Lancast^r yoman sycke in body &c. my body to chrysten buryall wthin y^e p^{re}ch church of Manchest^r To y^e reparation of y^e sayd church of M. vj^s viij^d Also I wyll y^t at such tyme as it shall please God to call me frome thys p^{re}sent lyff that afore y^e tyme y^t my body be sepilrate or buried that my ex-ecutors shall caus masse and dirige to be songen in y^e qwere of Man-chestr wth y^e company there to pray for my sawll and all chrystian saule accordyng to the laudable custome of y^e qwere Also I wyll y^t there shalbe oñ trentall of masse sayd after my decesse to pray for my saule and all chrystyā saule I wyll S^r Edmūd Rydyng^e have x^s and he to say y^e sayd trentall I wyll that Genet Bayley have all that money y^t ys oghyng to me of Rodger Kenyan of Grenley whych ys y^e sume of xij^{li} xiiij^s vj^d whych ys unpaid of y^e sume of xix^{li} and xij^d to be for her pt Also hyt ys my wyll y^t Merget my doghter haue y^e hawsee y^t I now dwell in wth all comodytys y^eto belongyng as orchard gardyn and a medow to her and to her heres for ev^{er} wth on caw gate in y^e Banke duryng her lyff and yf the sayd Merget decesse wthote heyre of her body lawfully begotyn then y^e afore sayd howse &c. to remayne to Alys my doght^r for ev^{er} To Alys my doght^r a certyn hawse now in y^e holdyng of on John Bradshaw to have &c. to her and to her heres for ev^{er} reservyd y^t my doght^r Merget shall have on kaw gate duryng her lyff in y^e same tenemēt and for defaut of yssue to Alys my doght^r hyt ys my wyll y^t y^e aforesayd howse &c. do remayne to Merget my doght^r and to y^e heres of hyr body for ev^{er} I

¹ Proved 2nd November 1556.

make Henry Barker and Jamys Wylde my executors &c. thes beyng wytnes S^r Hugh Ormysha my gostly father Mylys Gylforth Ryč Marshall Phylp Bery.

Attached to the will is the following "the sayd iiij wytnesses named in this testament acknowledged before me the xx daye of Octobre that this sayd testament is the trewe wyll of the sayd Thomas Grene in wytnes whereof I haue subscrybed my name

George Colyer, Wardeyne."

It is evident from the inventory that the testator followed the business of a tanner.

THE WILL OF ISABEL TYPPINGE OF MANCHESTER, WIDOW.¹

IN the &c. 1 December 1598 I Isabell Typpinge of Manchester wyddowe beinge somewhat sick in boddy but of good &c. My boddy to be buryed in the pishe church of Manchester or where yt shall please God to dispose yt I gyve unto my sonne George Typpinge a hundrethe and ffyfte powndes and unto his doughter Mary T. a hundrethe and ffiftie powndes And yt is my will that my said sonne George T. shall haue the use &c. of the said hundrethe and ffiftie powndes bequeathed before unto his doughter Mary for the better proffett and commoditie of his said doughter untill suche time as shee shall bee of xxj yeares of age gyvinge unto my executor sufficient discharge in lawe for the same Unto Anne Rillston wieffe of Thomas Rillston of London grocer my eldest doughter now lyvinge a hundreth and ffiftye powndes and unto her sonne Thomas

¹ The testatrix was the widow of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent. (buried there 10 Oct. 1592) ancestor of the Tippings of Manchester and Cheetham Hill and afterwards of Davenport Hall co. Cest. See Burke's *Landed Gentry*.

and unto her doughter Parnell a hundrethe and fiftie poundes equallie to be devyded betwixt them And yt ys my will that my sonne in lawe Thomas Rillston shall haue the use &c. [as before] Unto my doughter Cycely wief of Oswould Mosley¹ of Man: draper a hundrethe and fiftie powndes and unto her ffyve sonnes Oswould Edward Rowland Samuell and ffancis every of them twenty poundes and unto her doughter Margett ffyftie powndes And yt ys my will that my sonne in lawe Oswould Mosley shall have the use &c. [as before] Unto Dorothy ffox² wief of John ffox de Rodes in Pilkington yoman my yongest doughter now lyvinge a hundrethe and ffyftie powndes and unto her sonne William ffyftie powndes and unto her doughter Ann a hundrethe powndes [This money to remain in the hands of the exor till they were of age] Unto my sonne in lawe Oswould Moseley a spurr ryall To my sonne in lawe John ffox a spurr ryall and unto my sonne in lawe Thomas Rillston a spurr ryall To my cosin Thomas Brownesword a spurr ryall and unto his sister Isabell Brownesword a spurr ryall Unto Mr Cogan³ tenn shillinge and unto his wief tenn shillinge in gould Unto Mrs ffox de Rodes tenn shillinge and unto Isabell Willatt tenn shillinge To Edward Tyckhill tenn shillinge and unto my neighbour Joane Gee wydow tenn shillinge and my best hatt Unto my servant Alyce Gee ffyve poundes and unto my servant Margrett Newton tenn shillinge Unto the poore folckes twenty powndes to be bestowed at the discretion of my executor Unto my doughter in lawe Mary Typpinge my best peece of plate and my best gloves Unto

¹ Oswald Mosley of Garratt Hall Manchester, married at the Collegiate Church 10 June 1589, Cicely Tipping, and was buried there 5 January 1621-2.

² She was buried at the Collegiate Church 10th August, 1600.

³ Thomas Cogan, B.A. 1562, M.A. 1566, M.B. 1574, was elected Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford in 1563. He resigned his Fellowship in 1575, on being appointed High Master of Manchester Grammar School. — See *History of the Foundations in Manchester*, vol. iii. p. 108. 1607, June 10, "Thomas Cogan, Master of Artes and late high Scho!master." — *Register of Burials, Collegiate Church, Manchester*.

my doughter Anne Rillston a sylver goblett To my doughter Cycely Mosley halfe a dosen of sylver spoones and unto my doughter Dorothy ffox halfe a dosen of sylver spoones The rest of my goodē I gyve them all after my ffunerall discharged unto Samuell T. my yongest sonne And I make Samuell T. my said yongest sonne my sole executer &c. And I make my sonne George T. and my three sonnes in lawe Oswald Mosley John ffox and Thomas Rillston to be overseers &c.

From the inventory it appears that the testatrix was in trade.

THE WILL OF JOHN HEWETT, PREBENDARY OF CHESTER.¹

IN the name of God amen 30 October a thowsand fyve hūdryth fowrty and [sic] I John Hewett p̄bendary of the chathedrall church of Cryst and ou^r Lady of Chest^r gud of remembrance &c. my body to [be] buryede in the north syde of the qui^{er} w^{yn} the yle I gyve to John Both esqwyer my bedd stockē w^t the test^r and hengyngē of To Thomas Gravenⁿ esqwyer my klokke To Mast^r Chan^cchler a byrrall glasse w^t a cov^{er} To Hugh Powell pson of Ecculston my grey amyse and a surplyse and an elne kalyko cloth To the ij clerkē of the chathedrall church vj^s viij^d a pece To Ri^c Spēn^d and to Elyzabz his dogt^r vj^s viij^d a pece To S^r William Bayne the advowson of Estam w^t my hatt and my velvett bagg To M^r Doctor Wall² my beste jackedd and my best dowblett I gyve

¹ John Hewett, admitted Prebendary of Chester 4th August, 1541. There is no date of probate of his will, but his successor, John Gibbes, was presented in 1544.

² Dr. William Wall, Prebendary of Chester, admitted 1st August, 1541, and died in 1574.

Mr Buxy¹ my russett wolstye frokk To S^r Randyll Cottgreve a sur-
 plyse a cheamlett dowblett and Joseffus de Antiqtatib; tempū To
 S^r John Jeynson my best gowne and ij ptē of Antonyne To S^r Hugh
 Burneby my wynt^r cope To S^r John Meyr a cheamlett jackett a
 surplyse and a gowne To S^r Jamys Jhonson a russett ulstyd jacked
 and a dowblett of y^e same To S^r Riç Cawdey a russell ulstyd jacked
 furryd w^t a typped To S^r Thomas Wermyjame my furryd gowne
 and sum bokē To Hugh of the Hey vj^s viij^d If I gyve betwixt
 Margere Bryne and John Anyon iij lodē of hey To Margere Bryne
 a maser bownd w^t sylv^o my best covyng my new cuppurd w^t all the
 pewt^r vessell standyng ther ov^o my gret fowyldyng bord w^t the covyng
 therof half dos napkyns ij pelo berys ij payer of shetē halfe doss
 spones and my takk which is joyntly betwixt me and Riç Spenc^o
 duryng sixtene yerē I gyve to Margere Bryne and to John Anyon
 all my woodd and colē To the seyde John my second covyng and
 half dosyn cussions To Margere Cawdy a covlyd a payre of shetē
 and xij^s iiij^d To Cycele Lyon a covlyd a payer of shetē and x^s To
 Elyn Parr a covlyd a payer of shetē and x^s To Besse Wharryer
 vj^s viij^d To Ames of the kychyon a covlyd and iij^s iiij^d To Ric.
 Hewett dwellyng w^t Edmund Dymok xx^s To Alis Hewett wedow
 an owld gowne a payer of hose and iij^s iiij^d To Margere Hewett
 vj^s viij^d To Thomas Thornley my bowe and xx^s To Thomas
 Wrygt my second cownt^r burd w^t the cov^o and vj^s viij^d To Robert
 ap William vj^s viij^d To Thomas Smyth drap my lytill feal bedd
 To evy chyld of Margere Litill dwellyng in Walisey vj^s viij^d a pece
 To evy chyld of Elyzabeth Litill dwellyng at Melsø Grange vj^s viij^d
 a pece To evy chyld of John Litill decessed vj^s viij^d a pece To
 Nanny Dymoke my sprusse coff^r To Mastres Tatton my gowld
 ryng The resydewe of all my gudde &c. I will that hit be dys-
 posyd for my sole helth by my executors as God will gyve them

¹ Nicholas Bucksie M.A., admitted Prebendary 4th August, 1541, died in 1566. —
 Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 222, 223.

grace whom I name Thomas Gravenor esqwer John Both esqwr and Hugh Powell pson of Ecculston oʒayer Mast^r George Wylmyslow cheanchler Witness beyng p̄sent Llewys Williams Hugh Thomas Raffe Reve Thomas Ryggmaydyn Hugh of the Hey S^r John Jeynson petty canon and Rob. Yeok w^t others P me John Hewet p̄bend Chest.

THE WILL OF RICHARD GROSVENOR
OF DODDLESTON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 24 Nov. 22 Eliz. I Richard Gravenor of Doddleston in the countie of Chester beinge in reasonable healthe &c. My bodye to be buryede in chrystian buryall in suche pishe church as it shall fortune me to fynishe this my trancetorye lyffe My will is that ymediatlye after my deceasse my bodye be conveyed to the sepulture wthowte anye maner of worldye prodygaletie and that at the daye of my buryall the some pounde be gyven to the poreest sorte that shall vysett my buryall in two peny dole I geve to the church wardens of the church where I shall chaunce to be buryede towarde the mayntenance of the church worke sixe shillinge eighte pence Wher I heretofore have graunted unto S^r Uryan Brearton knyghte John Wynne of the towne gent. and others all that my messuage wth all landes &c. in Bisire in the lordeshippe of Molesdale and countie of Flynte w^{ch} I latelye boughte of my brother in lawe Thomas Leighe of Adlington esquyre deceased upon specyall truste that they should ymediatlye after my deceasse

¹ Proved 24 February, 1579 [1579-80], by Thomas Egerton gent. Richard Grosvenor of Doddleston, second son of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. by Katherine third daughter and coheir of Richard Cotton of Rudware, married Katherine daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. and widow of Sir Roger Puleston, by whom he had no issue. He was Sheriff of Flintshire 6 Edw. VI. — Ormerod, vol ii. p. 454.

I havinge no wyffe at the tyme of my death stande and be seased of the said messuage and lande to their awne use untill suche tyme as they have levyed of the issues and pfytt^e therof the some of fyftie pounde to suche use as I the said Richard G. in my lyffe tyme by my wrytinge under my hande and seale or by my last will shall appoynte and assygne I therfore by this my said will lymett and appoynte that twentie pounde pcell of the said ffyftie pounde be geven to the hande of myne executor wthin one quarter of yere after my decesse and that myne executor havinge receyved the said xx^{li} shall gyve unto Richard Gravenor¹ sone and heyre of Thomas G. late of Eaton esqyre decessed when he shall be of the age of one and twentye yeres not onlie the said twentie pounde but also fortye pounde more towarde the suyng^e furthe of his lyverey And if he chaunce to dye before he come to his full age then myne executor shall gyve the said threescore pounde to his yonger brother Thomas G. when he shall accomlishe the age of twenty and one yeres And if they bothe dye then myne executor shall bestowe the said threescore pounde equallie amongst the doughters of the said Thomas G. the father Unto the said Richard G. when he shall come to his full age one sylver bowle pcell gylte havinge in it engraven this worde Aprill and one other bowle over gylte to dryncke wyne in having in it lyke hooles and punches to geyther wth my best fetherbedd my best bolster and pyllowe the best payre of blankette and my best covering the intrest that I have in the howse wherin I inhabytt and the interest I have in the lordeshippe of Dodleston by lease if I dye before the yeres expyre And if he dye then his brother Thomas to have it at lyke tyme To my newew Richard Gravenor fortye sh To my brother John my best

¹ Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq., great nephew of the testator, was born in 1562, and dying 18 Sep. 1619, left issue Richard his successor, created a Baronet 23 Feb. 1621-2, the direct ancestor of the present Marquis of Westminster and his brothers the Earl of Wilton and Baron Ebury. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

gowne and twentye shillinge for a remembrance To my newew George Ravenscrofte sixe sylver spoones my gowne wth the tuche boxe and a plate cote To my newewe Roger Puleston of Emrall the lease wth the interest therin w^{ch}e I have of Mr. Tatton of the lande in Flynteshyre called the Lorde Aldeforde lande prayeing him to be good and not to hurte the tenant and occupyers therof and to have care that the leasse be not lost for lacke of payment of the rent To the said Roger my seconde best coveringe and to his wiffe a payre of flaxen sheete of three breade To my cosen Elizabeth Maysterson twentie shillinge To my trustie frend John Wynne of the towne gent. xx^s for a remembraunce To Ithell Wynne in Molesdale xx^s for a remembrance To Robert Yemonde one of my best cotes of clothe one payre of canvesse sheete and xx^s To Williã Hurleston one of my clothe cotes and one payre of canvesse sheete and x^s To Richard Evans one dublett one payre of hose and x^s To the late wyffe of John Davye being wydowe one payre of canvesse sheete and v^s To olde Harryson one dublett one payre of hose and v^s To my frende Richard ffenowe my best yron bounde carte my best plowe and harrowe wth pynnes To Robert Hudson twentye pounde to be paid wthin one monthe after my deathe my best geldinge but one that I shall chaunce to have at the tyme of my decesse one fether bedd one flocke bedd wth two coverlette nowe beinge upon his bedd fowre of my best shyrt and my best cloke To Robert Bretter fyve pounde my seconde cloke fowre of my shyrt wth my best payre of bowtes To Margrett Webster my late servante xx^s To Ewen my servante xl^s and one heffer To Jane Dymocke my servante xl^s To Izabell Stevenson one blacke clothe gowne w^{ch} was my wyves seldom or never worne frynged wth frynge lace To Elizabeth Gravenor Amye G. and ffraunce G. my brother Anthonye his daughters the some of ten pounde equallie to be devyded amongst them as soone as they shall accomlishe the age of sixteen yeres and if anye of them dye the syrvyvors to have

theire porciōns To my s^rvante Wyggan xx^s To my s^rvante Katherine Bykarstaffe x^s To S^r Wiſſm Cowley pson of Dodleston the interest and terme w^{ch} I have in the tythes of hygher and lower Kynerton apptayning to the rectorye of Dodleston w^{ch} I hadd of the graunte of the said S^r Wiſſm Cowley upon condycon that he suffer Katheren Glegge wydowe late wyffe to Morgan Glegge deceased to occupye and enioye the tythe corne of hygher and lower Kynerton as the said Morgan in his tyme and the said Katheren synce the deathe of the said Morgan for yeres past have done duringe the lyffe of the said S^r Wiſſm Cowley yf the said Katheren so longe lyve and kepe her selffe sole and unmarried as p^rsentlye she is [she] payenge yerlie unto him the said S^r Wiſſm Cowley in the feaste of All Sancte suche rente as Morgan in his tyme and she sythens have ben accustomed yerlie to paye to me To my trustye and worshippfull kynnesman S^r Thomas ffytzherbert knyghte one hoope ryng of golde that was my mothers To my sister Dorothis Savill¹ one ryng of gold havinge in it a stone called a lode stone To my sister Rydgeley one hoope ryng that was my sister Elizabethes for a remembrance of my good will All the rest of my good I gyve to myne executors desyringe them to leave suche ymplemente as maye well be spared to my said godsone Richard Gravenor to be lefte in the howsse when he shall accomplishe his full age of one and twentye yeres And I make my cosen Thomas Egerton² learned in the lawes my sole executor Item wheras Thomas Gravenor deceased standeth bounde to me in severall wrytinge obligatorye my will is that myne executors &c. shall take no advantage agaynst the heyres

¹ She married first Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey Esq., (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 85.) and secondly Henry Savile of Barrowby co. Lincoln Esq. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

² Thomas Egerton, afterwards Viscount Brackley, Lord Chancellor, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. His father Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt. married Mary sister of the testator and widow of Thomas Leigh of Adlington Esq. — Ibid. vol. ii. p. 162.

of the said Thomas for non pformance of anye covenante contayned in wrytinge obligatorye but onlie for not savinge me harmlesse or myne executors for the last will and testament of S^r Thomas G. my brother decessed Present at the sealinge herof Witm Colley clerke Raffe Gravenor Robert Hudson &c. This last wryten was wryten the xxj^xth of January 1579 [1579-80] thes beinge p^sent at the acknowledginge herof Raffe Gravenor and Thomas Rigmedon.

THE WILL OF GEORGE TRAFFORD, GENT.¹

IN the name of God amen the xxx daye of the monthe of Marche mdlxxv I Gorge Trafforde in the countye of Lancaster gent. beinge of whole mynde &c. My bodie to be buriede wher yt shall please God And I bequeth unto the hie alter of Manchester for tythes forgotten xx^d And unto the hie alter of Eccles in lykewyse xij^d And towarde repation when need ys of the sayde churche xij^s iiij^d And towards the makinge of hye wayes where shalbe thoughte moste need to be made by myne executoures xx^s and my will ys that xl^{li} shalbe in custodie of myne executors to the intent that thei shall therwth wythin one year after my decease purchasse so much lande as maye be had for the saide some and yf thei cannot bestowe the saide xl^{li} in purchasinge of lande then [they] shall take so much lande in fearme as cane be gotten by

¹ Proved Dec. 18, 1572. It will be seen that this will is dated in 1575, it is evident therefore, as this is not the original will, that the copying clerk must have made the mistake. In confirmation of this it may be stated that the Bishop's order or license to Nicholas Daniel, before whom the will was proved, is dated Nov. 19, 1572. The testator was a younger son of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt., by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Ralph Longford of Longford Knt., and married Ellen daughter and sole heiress of William Roberts of Holbeck co. Lincoln. — *Suffield MSS.*

leasye And yf lande cannot be purchasede nor a layse of lande for
 l yeaeres for paiment of the saide xlii in name of a fine then myne
 exe^c shalbestowe the saide monye upon melche kye and thei to be
 putt forth for the hire or to the halff whether waye shalbe thought
 most profit and gaines And the increce that shall hereafter groo
 othere of lande purchaste ferme by lease taken or of kye my execu-
 tours yearlie shall distrubute unto the most poure and nedie menn
 that are householders w^{ch} be chargede wth childrene to the intente
 the (yf Godde lawe wyll pmitt it) shall daylie praye for my soule
 And I will that some wel disposede preste be apontted by my exe^c
 and my brother person of Wyllmyslow to say masse for my soule yf
 Godde lawe be consoñnte that yt so may be in that church wher yt
 shall please God my bodie to be buriede the space of one halfe yeaere
 after my deceasse and he to have therfore fyve markes or els to be
 distrubitede to the poore And yf myne exe^c doe chance to bestowe
 the some of xlii a foresaide upon kie then as ofte as anie of the kie
 doe age and dekeye that then the same kie shalbe solde and as manie
 yonge kie to be bought be myne executours to the extente that the
 stocke maye longe continue and the increse therof to Godde pleasure
 long to endure And my will is that after the desease of mynn exe^c
 that then thei that hereafter shall chance to be wardene or rectoure
 of the church of Manchester shall haue the distribution of all such
 encesse &c. of the saide xlii and thei yearlie to distrubit the same to
 such like poor menn in habitinge wythin the parrishes of Manchester
 Eccles and Prestwiche and I will that such personns as shall hereafter
 travell and distribute unto the poore shalbe recompensede lyke to
 such peans as the shall take in the distributione as in biinge and
 sellinge of kie for menteanance and upholdinge of the stoke I be-
 queth all such choopes [copes] and vestimentes w^{ch} I haue that
 Wyllm Robert my fatherinlawe bought w^{ch} weare once the church
 goodde to be restorede againe for the servise of God unto the church
 wher yt shall please God my bodie to be buriede yf Godde lawe will

suffer yt Unto the poore mene and womene inhabitinge in the town of Manchester the profitte of all my purchaset lande in the countie of Lyngcolne to be distributed yearlie I gyve &c. condicionallie all my fetherbede and mattresses all my books and my apparell and all other my beddinge wyth all the bousters pillowes shittes blankettes coverlettes and coveringes or the price therof unto the saide poore people excepte one dublite of tinsell I doe geve &c. to the church of Willmyslowe yf Godde lawe will permite the same to be made for such purpose mitte [meet] and conveniente to serve to henge over the sacramente or the price therof to be dealed to the poore and one other dublite of crimsine satten and one tynsell paned excepte one w^{ch} I geve &c. to Katren Langle my god doughter to make her force [?] sleve wth and also excepte a taunie chamlite gowne yf yt be not worne out at the tyme of my deceasse w^{ch} I geve &c. unto the saide Katrene to make hire a gaune of and one square of crimsine satine wroughte wth pipes and pearle and also excepte two gownes the one of blake wolstede and another of russet satten w^{ch} I gyve &c. unto my ij doughters Margrette and Elisabeth yf thei at the tyme of my desese be then unmarried or els the price to be dealed unto the poore and the ij best fetherbedes of all I geue unto my ij saide doughters wth ij blankettes ij coverlettes and the best coveringe a fetherbed of the worse sorte of viij fetherbede and ij matrisses of the meane sorte wth ij boulsters and coverlittes of like sortes to the seade bedes belöginge and ij of the beste peare of schittes and also excepte w^{ch} I geve &c. condicionallie unto Wifm my sonne the forte parte of my brase and pewter vessel I gyve unto Thomas my bastarte sonne my best cofer one crosbowe one rape to the same and one jacke a sallet a peare of splentes a gorgete a peare of slyves of metalle one longe bowe and all my saddles and bridles yf he wilbe governede by my supervisore and vjth xij^s iiij^d and the saied some to be put into some of his moste next frende hande which is moste substantialste man in richesse and behavioure w^{ch} wilbe bounden

unto the saiede Thomas not onlie to occupie the sead some in a stocke most to the behove and profite of him but also wyth suerties to be bounden wyth him as well to yerlie peay the increce of the said stoke as to redeliver againe to him all the saide some of vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d when he shall come to the age of xvij yeares and yf yt fortune the saide Thomas to decease before he come to the age of xvij years or be possessed of his sead bequestes then I wyll that my ij doughters Mergrete and Elizabeth shall haue condicionallie the said vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d betwixte them yf the be unmarried or els to be dealed to the poore And yf Wiſſm my sonne deceasse before he come to the age of xxj years or be possessed of his bequeste then I will that my saede ij doughters shall haue all the saede bequestes to be devided betwene them yf thei be then unmarried or els to be distributed to the poore And yf the saide Wiſſm my sonne Margrette and Elisabeth my doughters chance all thre to decease before the be possessede and the seaide Thomas my bastarde sonne survive theme all then the seade Thomas shall haue the one halfe of all my goodē before bequethede I will unto such poore people then inhabitinge in the towne of Manchester to thentente they shall better remember to preaye for my soule and yf the seade Thomas die before he be possessede then such poore people as are housholderē in the pache of Manchester [shall] haue all that portione of goodē bequethed unto the seade Thomas And my will ys that Thomas my bastarde sonne when he commeth to the age of x years shalbe bounden prenties to some such honest crafte as he maye best get a livinge by and y^t y^e same psone who yt shall chance the saide Thomās to be pnties wth shall receue yearlie to the use of y^e saide Thomās towarde his findinge of the handē of theime w^{ch} shall occupie the foresaide stoke of vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d all the whole increce of y^e saide stocke he to bestowe on him so much as shall need and to make a trewe coupte of the same unto the saide Thomās when he cometh to the age of xvijth yeares I will that all suche dettē and duties as I owe be peade by myne execⁿ and y^t y^e deliver

a pledge of iij riall^e of xv^s a pece unto Jhon Bordman of the paroch of Eckull [Eccles] takinge of him y^rfore bot xl^s and for the trewe declaracōne of all such dett^e as I nowe owe ys fortie shilling^e to Laurans Bucklaye and no more w^{ch} I will to be peade unto him wthoute delaye I bequeth unto Jhon Fletcher of Stretford because he ys a poore mane xiijs^s iiij^d and unto James Breerleey my teñnte vjs^s viij^d I will y^t all y^e residewe of my dett^e owinge me my goode cattell and coyne gould and silver plate and jewell^e be equallie divided betwen my two doughters¹ Margrette and Elisabeth yf thei be then unmariede and yf both or other of them be mariede at my decease then all the bequest^e of booth or one mariede to be to y^e poore And yf yt chanch that the said Wiłm my sonne die wthout ysue all my land^e shalbe and remayne unto Edmund Trafforde esquiere and his heres accordinge unto coñt betwexte the seaid Edmund and me I will my funerall be nothinge sumptuous nor vaynglorious but all thing^e to be done moste for the welth and pfitt of my soule That yf Edmund Trafforde doe not marie my ij doughters wythin ij years after the date of his coñt that then my ij doughters shall haue ther seade bequests or els not but to the poore My will ys y^t my supervisoure have the custodie and governance of Wiłm my sonne yf he therunto will agree and yf he will not then to haue no bequestes and I will that my doughters til the chance to come to mariage be governed according to such coñt^e as ys exp^{ss}ed in a payre of indentures betwixte Edmund Trafforde esquier and me as also thei both to be maried by his advise or els yey to haue no bequest^e And I make my trustie brother Henrye Trafforde² psone of the church of Willmyslow and my brother Thomas Trafford myne executours I bequeth to everie of theme for thire labore fore mark^e And I make

¹ In June 1573, Edmund Davenport husband of Margaret, and Hugh Eccles husband of Elizabeth, both daughters of George Trafford gent. deceased, were parties to proceedings in the Consistory Court at Chester against Thomas Trafford gent., executor of the will of the said George Trafford.

² See his Will, p. 18, supra.

- my trustie newewe Edmunde Trafforde esquier overseer and he to have fyve mark^e These wytnesse &c. Sir Thomas Dodsonn clerck Rycharde Aspinall of the townshippe of Prestwyshe Robert Seddone Williame Morton Laurance Buckley Sir Henrie Trafford Sir Roger Hoghe Sir Wiltm Trafford preste.

THE INVENTORY OF LADY BYRON, DECEASED.¹

March 16, 1580 [1580-1]. j ffetherbed j boulster and j pyllowe xxx^s — ij covarlette and ij blanckette xvj^s viij^d — j countarpoynthe of mockadowe viij^s — ij cowrsse cobborde clothes iij^s iiij^d — j graye mantell j^s viij^d — iij queshenes of vestement^e and ij other ould ones viij^s — ij payre of flaxsone shett^e and ij pyllowe beares xij^s iiij^d — j small pestell and mortar j thynne sylver spon^e and j smalle pewter pece iij^s — ij smock^e ij pattlette ij table napkynes ij towelles v^s iiij^d — iij hodtrenes j mossell j creppyn^e ould of velvett and j gorgett of taffeta vj^s — j gowne of damaske forred throw wth lambe xxvj^s viij^d — j kyrtell of velvett xiiij^s — j fforparte of a kyrtell porpell satten vj^s viij^d — j fforparte of a kyrtell of wosted and j of mockadowe iij^s — j pettycote of brystowe redde ould iij^s iiij^d — j saddell for a jentel-woman wth a cover of velvett and a brydell ffor the same xxvj^s viij^d — ij coffares j small and the other bygger vj^s viij^d — j payre of tounge j^s viij^d — j spynnyng^e whele j^s x^d — j pewter pynte potte vj^d Soma jx^{li} vij^s iiij^d

Endorsed — “The Inventory of the goods of the La. Byron late deceased exhibited into the office March 17, 1580, whereof Lres of Admōn were granted to S^r John Byron, March 1st, 1580” [1580-1.]

¹ Elizabeth daughter of William Costerden (of Ralph Costerden of Blakeley, miller—*Harl. MSS.* 1174, fo. 55) and widow of George Halgh of Halgh co. Lancaster—Edmundson, vol. iv. p. 390. She was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 25th August, 1580. See also *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 164.

THE WILL OF THOMAS RADCLYFF OF
FOXDETON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 2 October 9 Elizabeth I Thomas Radclyff of Foxdenton in the countye of Lancaster esquire beyng of good &c. and my bodye to be buried in the paroch church of Oldū [Oldham] nere unto the place where mye wyffe was buried I bequethe unto Katryn R. my doughter yet beyng unpferred and unmaryed the sūme of on hundrethe markes for her full filiall parte of goodē To mye base doughter Neoles Radclyffe the sūme of on hundrethe markes To my base doughter Alice R. now dwellynge wth Robart Pker teñe poundē To my doughter Elyn wyffe of Wiłłm Loggyn teñe poundes To Margarethe mye doughter wyffe of Henrye Farnell teñe poundē To Elizabeth the my doughter wyffe of Christopher Fleecher tēne poundes To An my doughter wyffe of John Lukyn teñe poundē To John R. mye bastard sonn fyve markes To Margarethe Singgilton my servaunt woman fyve markes To Wyłłm Ogden my servaunte māñe xx^s To Wyłłm Dicsū mye servaunte boye xx^s Unto John R. mye younger sonn all [my] goodē cattals dettes &c. wyche is wythin Yorkeshyre To Robart Hulme on fetherbed on bolster iij blankettes ij payre of flaxen shetes coverlet of white and greane I gyve &c. all the rest of mye goodē heretofore not bequethed pt to mye frendes and pt to the pore howse holders of thys paroch att the discretion of mye executors wythe the advoyce of mye overseers And where I the sayd Thomas have taken bye lease of Mays² person of Pstwyche the moytye of the tythe ptaynyng to Denton² barne therfore yt is my wyl that the advantage therof besides the rent and other charges to y^e same be-

¹ Proved 27th April, 1568. The testator's post mortem inquisition was held 10 Elizabeth, at which time his son and heir William was forty years of age.

² Foxdenton.

longeing done shall be towards helpyng of mye sayd ij doughtors unmarried or to either of them for the space of seven yeres..... then to remayne unto the lord of thys my howse of Denton to performe and fulfyll thys mye last wyll or testament I do ordayne &c. mye twreu and leafull executors.. Radclyffe mye sonn and S^r Rogger Wriglaye clerke and curate of Oldā and for the..... ys mye last wyll and testament I have as well setto mye hand &c. desiryng my trustye and welbeloved to be supvisers of thys mye sayd last will Wiifm Mullinys esquire Edward Standishe esquire and Alixander Radclyffe esquire.

Additions by me the sayed Thomas Radclyffe.

M^d that these guiddees and legaysyes heretofore bequethed unto John R. mye sonn to Elyne wyfe of Willyam Loggyn mye daughter Margarethe wyve of Henrye Farnell Elizabeth wyfe of Xtopher Fleecher and Ann wife of John Lukyn shall be in full recompense of there filiall chylde part Also yt is my wyll that my sayd executor^s shall occupye all my demayne lande ffor the use of thys mye sayed wyll tyl the feast of Philipp and Jacob next and that Wiifm R. my eldest sonn shall paye wythin on hole yere next [after my] decesse on hundrethe poundes towards the use and accomlishe-ment of thys mye [last] wyll or testament.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM BRIDGES, PRIEST.¹

IN dei noie Amen 10 March 1535 [1535-6] I Willm Bridges priest Maist^r of Gramer make my Testament &c. my bodye to be buried nyghe unto the quere syde of the holie Appostle Saynte James in the church of All Halowes in Macclesfeld where I say deylye masse Also I wyll that uppon the day of my buryall there

¹ No date of probate.

be thryttie prest^e to synge and saye Saynte Gregoriey Trentall the same day (yf so meny can be conveyentlye gotten) for my soule my ffather and mothers soules ffor my M^r S^r John Psyvale¹ knyghts soule and all cristen soules And especyallye for all those soules that I am and haue ben bownden to prey for I will that all those preist^e that can conveyentlie be gotten to the intent above seid schall synge and say placebo and dirige o^v nyght and the co^menda^cōne in the mornynge and e^vy preist so doynge to haue viij^d and e^vy p^{er}son vicare and pysche preiste being of the seid nombre to have xij^d besechyng theym all devoutlye to prey for my soule and all the soules above rehersed I wyll that e^vy scolere resortyng to the Gram^m Schole in Macclesfeld then that can synge have ij^d and e^vy other of theym to haue j^d I wyll that myn executors schall cause to be made fyve torches e^vy torche to be of the pryce of iij^s iiij^d in the wurshyppe of the fyve pryncypall wound^e of oure Savyoure Jesus Criste redemer of mankynd the wiche fyve torches I will that fyve pore men schall hold and bayre whylest the dirige and masse withe the obser^vnce^e schalbe in doynge And e^vy one of theym so doyng schall have iiij^d and a payr of bayde the price j^d I will that myn executors cause to be made fyve tapurs e^vy tapur of a pownde of wexe wiche tapurs I will schall bren contynuallie at placebo dirige and messe o^v my bodye unto hitt be buried And I will that myn executors do compownd for the torches so that aft^r my bodye be buried they be distributed as folowethe one to the hie Aulter the second to oure ladyes aul^t the thrydde to the hoolie rode aul^t and the fourthe and fyfte to the aul^t of the hoolie Appostle Saynt James afo^r the wich my bodye is buried I will that myn executors in the thrittie day aft^r my bodye be buried cause a trentall of masses to be seid and songen for my soule and for all crysten soules yf so many

¹ Sir John Percyvale, sometime Lord Mayor of London, was the first founder of Macclesfield School, which he endowed (by will dated 25 January 1502) with lands then valued at £10 per annum. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 366.

can be conveyentlie gotten And if not that then hitt may be in the next day folowyng fullfylled and accomplestched and that evy preist being and syngyng of the said trentall to have evy of theym vjd and evy pson and vicare being of the same nombre to haue viij^d praying theym all of theire charitie devoutlie to prey for my soule and the soules above rehersed withe all cristen soules I will that my executors do cause a fre ston of mason werk to be layde uppon my grave with the ymage of a prest graduate maist^r of gram^r made of laten to be sett in the same ston and a chalyce of the same with this text ascendyng from hym P passione et cruore tua libera me Dñe Jesu Criste I gyff to the hie ault^r the longest towell that I haue to be theñ used at the tyme of Est^r afore theym that then schall re-sayve the holie sacrament in forme of bredde To evy one of my godde sonnes vjd And to evy of my godde doughters xij^d To evy god chyld son and dought^r that I have confirmed at the Byschoppe iiij^d to prey for my soule and all cristen soules I gyff &c. xl^s to make myñ obyte yerlie as longe as the seid xl^s wyll last by the discreston of myñ executors yerlie a porcōn of the same to be lymytted To my god dought^r Margarett Creswall xl^s toward^e here maryage To my syster Agnes xl^s To Raufe Bradsha my syst^r son vj^s viij^d To the wyff of the said Raufe vj^s viij^d To John Byle my cown^r that stand^e in my chamber To his wyff Alyce my syst^r dought^r v marke the bett^r sylver gobblett and a maser To John Hall of the Broken Crosse vij^{li} that he doth owe unto me towards the maryage of his three doughters that is to witt fyve pownd to be devyded among^e theym and xl^s to his son Wiffm Hall to goo forward^e with hym To Elizabeth wyffe of the seid John Hall my kynneswoman x^s To Agnes Greves xl^s And to Isabell hyr dought^r vj^s viij^d To one of the sonnes of Robert Bancrofte of Addeswudde that goeth to the scole x^s To his brother Alexander x^s To Emme theire syster xx^s To Maistres Lyv^ssage vj^s viij^d To evy honest householder in the town of Macclesfeld xij^d by the dyscrecsōn of myñ executors

Unto M^r Charles Parsons pson of Culmyngton one pte of
 praying hym to pray for my soule Unto Sir Henrie Knyght my
 gowne lyned with Saynt Tho^ms wullstedd Unto my cosyn Jone
 Damport of Wheltronge my bedde that I now lie in even as hitt
 stonde and xx^s of that her fader oweth unto me and xx^s more Unto
 Raufe Holynzed¹ my scoler vj^s viij^d Unto Alyce Hall my servāde
 vj^s viij^d Unto Cecelie Macclesfeld vj^s viij^d I will that all suche
 plate as I schall have at the tyme of my depture from this uncerten
 lyfe and all other my goodē and cattallē what so evⁿ they be not be-
 quethed to be sold by myn executors for the true pformaunce of this
 my last will The resydue of my goodes and cattallē I will hitt
 schall be disposed by the dyscrecōn of myn executors To oure
 ladye chappell of the Middleswych xl^s to make reppacōn of the same
 as schall be thought most necessarie Unto Raufe Holynzed my
 horse Unto Lawrence Pott my tenn^t wyffe one kowe To Alyce
 Hall and to one of hyr systers either of theym one kowe Unto
 Edward Psons vj^s viij^d I will and charge my executors that whē
 hitt can be pved trouth that I haue done ony injurie or wronge to
 ony man or ony thyng that I am in dett to ony bodye that my seid
 executors schall agre with theym and to discharge me as mooche as
 in theym lyeth I make William Davenport of Bramhall John
 Leghe of the Bothe esquiers John Halle of the Broken Crosse and
 Sir Lawrence Payne chaplen my true and lawfull executors to fful-
 fylle this my last will for the welthe of my saul as they woll awnswur
 afore God in the dredfull daye of jugement And my goode m^r Sir
 Edwarde flitton knyght to be ovseer to whom I giffe &c. j silver
 salte w^t the covⁿ To M^r John Leghe of the Booth v markē y^t he

¹ There can be little doubt that this is the famous old Chronicler of England who was born near Macclesfield, but of whose life so little is known. The date of his birth has escaped the researches of his biographers, but he died about 1580. Ralph or Raphael Holinshed first published the Chronicles which go under his name in two vols. fol. 1577.

doth owghe unto me and j silv^v fflatte pece olde gilted And to evy other of myn executors whom I have geven nothyng unto x^s desyring theym to take some payne to see this my last will be performed These beyng wyttnes Tho^ms Parsons alderman of Macclesfeld Edwarde Jackson Roger Stubbess and other. I^m to M^r William Sutton one pte of lyre (?)

THE WILL OF RICHARD RAWSTORNE OF LUMM, GENT.¹

IN the name of God So be it 6 December 1580 I Richard Rawstorne of the Lome wthin the com. of Lanc. gent. ffirste I bequethe my soule &c. Secondly I geve my bodie to be buryed wthin the pishe churche of Burye Thredlye after my dettē paid I bequethe my worldly goods and cattellē to be mynistred into three equall ptes The first pte to me the said Richard R. The seconde pte to Agnes my wyffe And the thredd pte to these three my children Adam R. clerke psone of Byrcham Newton Lawrence R. scoler and Elyn wyffe of Thomas ffyshe And of that pte of goods and cattellē pteyninge to me I geve xij^d thereof unto everye childe that I am graundfather unto Also to evy childe that I am god-

¹ Proved 3rd January, 1580-81. Richard son of Adam Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married Anne or Agnes Nuttall of Nuttall in the parish of Bury, by whom he had issue Richard his eldest son, Adam Rawstorne Rector of Bircham Newton co. Norfolk, Laurence Rawstorne, Ellinor wife of Thomas Fish, Isabel wife of — Howarth, Alice wife of George Nuttall of Golynrode, and several others who died young. Edward Rawstorne of Lumm, great grandson of the testator, left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, who married Thomas seventh son of John Bradshaw Esq. of Bradshaw. Their grandson Rawstorne Bradshaw inheriting the estate much encumbered with debts sold it in 1725 to Miles Lonsdale Esq. — From the *Family Pedigree* drawn up in 1737.

father unto xij^d I bequethe one meale arke foure bedstockes one longe settle and one sydde borde wth other bordes beyng at Hancock unto Agnes my wyffe for the terme of hir lyffe and after hir decease unto the said Lawrence R. my sonne and to his assignes for ever Also I will &c. that the greate arke in the chamber two bedstockes one folden borde and one sydde borde in the halle shall contynewe and remane as heirelomes in my capitall house of the Lome to [my] righte heires for ever And what so ever remanethe of my pte of goods and cattel^e I bequethe the same to remane hollye unto Richard R. my eldeste sonne the said Adam B. clerke and the said Lawrence R. scoler and to their assignes for ever ffynally I make the said Agnes my wyffe and the said Lawrence my sonne my executors My cozen Edward Rawstorne and the said Richard R. my eldeste sonne to be supervisors &c. In wyttenes &c.

THE WILL OF EDMUND ASSHETON OF
CHADDERTON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 19 August 25 Elizabeth I Edmund Assheton of Chadderton in the countie of Lancast^r esquier beinge sycke &c. And for my body to be buryed in the church of Oldham together wth my brethren in hope &c. And for my good^e and cattel^e I will to be bestowed in manor folowinge ffirst wheras I have graunted di^vse and sundry anneweties and yerly rente charge yssuing owt of di^vse

¹ Proved 8th October, 1584. The testator was fourth in descent from Edmund Ashton (second son of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne) of Chadderton in right of his wife Johanna daughter and coheiress of Richard Radcliffe of Chadderton Esq. His descendant the Rev. William Assheton B.D. Rector of Prestwich in 1685, was the last heir male of the family, and dying in 1731, left two daughters and coheiresses, Catherine who married John Blackburne of Orford Esq. ancestor of John Ireland Blackburne Esq. of Hale, and Dorothy who married Sir Darcy Lever of Alkrington Knt. — *Suffold MSS.* See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i, pp. 108, 113.

my lande and tenem^te unto my sonnes cosins and servⁿt^e for tearme of there sevall lyves And for that I would be glad that the same maybe justly and trewly paed and to the intente that my sonne and heire apparante James A. and whosoever after him shalbe inherytoure of Chatterton maye the more ezely discharge the same I give &c. unto my saied sonne and heire apparant James A. and the heires males of his body &c. the use and occupacōn of the rectorie and psonage of fframptonn and Wykes demaynes wthin the countye of Lincolne and a lease of the tythes of ott^e and grayne in the tounes of Oldham Royton and Chatterton And yf the same James A. happen to die wthowte heire male of his body &c. Then I give &c. the said use &c. of the rectorye and psonage of fframpton and Wykes daymaines and the lease of the said tythes of corne and grayne in Oldham Chatterton and Royton unto whom so ever shalbe owner and inherytoure of Chatterton for the tyme beinge I give &c. all my right in one lease and tearme of yeres of Hasselhurst now in the tenure of William Ashemale remayninge after the desease of the said William A. unto my sonne Richard Assheton To James Assheton my kinsman Bachellor of Arte in Cambridge tenn pounde yerly during the contynewance of the saied lease of fframpton yf hee the said James A. lyve so longe To my nece Isabell Bradshawe one sil^v pootte of the value of fyve pounde To Mr Vicker of Rachdale¹ ffortie shillinge for a remembrance to contynewe oure old ffrendshippe To my sonninelawe Edmund Hoppwood and Allys his wyffe twenty pounde To Edmund Assheton my sonne ten pounde To Richard A. my sonne tenn pounde I constitut &c. my welbeloved sonne James A. my sole executor To Alice Hawworthe fourtie shillinge to be payed at the daye of hir mariage.

¹ The Rev. Richard Midgley, Chaplain to Henry Earl of Derby, and Vicar of Rochdale from 1561 to 1595. For some interesting notices of this worthy man see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 177-183. Chetham series.

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLTE OF
STUBLEY, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 20 April 1561 I Robert Holt of Stubble in the countie of Lanc. esquire &c. My bodie to be buried in y^e chauncsell wthin the peroehe churche at Rachedale or elsewhere it shall please God to dispose I will that all such dett^e as I do owe shalbe payd &c. And after my sayd dett^e payd and my funerall expenses fynyshe I will that my sayd good^e shalbe devided in thre equall ptes wherof I will that Isabell my wyfe shall have one equale pte to her owne pper use for and in the name of all her thrydd pte &c. And the second pte I bequeth to Fraunc^e my sone Margerie and Elin my daughters equallie to be devided amongst them for and in the name of there full and lawfull child^e pte And if any of the sayd ffranc^e Margerie or Elyn my chylderen shall fortune to dye afore the shall accomplyshe the full age of xxj yeres and before that tyme be not married that thē the survyvor or survyvors of my sayd chyl-deren shall have the porciō of such chyld that shall so fortune to dye And y^e thrid equall part &c. I reserve to my executors therw^t to pforme my legacies that is to saye fyrst I geve toward^e the repara- tions of y^e sayd churche of Rachedale vj^e viij^d To Charles Holt my sone and here apparant all my cart^e waynes plowes yokes harowes w^t all other implement^e appten^yge to husbandrie w^{ch} do now rema^y at Stubble To y^e sayd Charles all my harnes nowe beyng at Stubble and all my silyng timbre trust^yg that he wilbe good to his mother

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Isabel daughter of Roger Walkden of Forax gent. by whom he had an eldest son Charles Holte who married Mary daughter and coheiress of Robert Holte of Stubble Esq. by his wife Cicely daughter of Andrew Barton of Smethills. — See pp. 87, 88. Robert Holte's post mortem inquisition was held 3rd Elizabeth, at which time his son Charles was eighteen years of age.

and to his brother and sisters To the sayd Charles all such here lomes as Robert Holt late of Stubley th'eld⁹ esquire deceassed did leve by his last will to remaine at Stubley as here lomes w^{ch} be now in the hande rule and governanc of M^r Rauff Barton y^e fourt pte of y^e pfytt of y^e Browne¹ w^t y^e fort pte of y^e copiehold lande w^{ch} I oughe to have as pcell of y^e mariage goodē of Marie Holt now wyffe to y^e sayd Charles To Isabell my wyffe Franncē Margerie and Elin my childeren all my intrest and terme of y^e sayd Browne which I have frō yere to yere of y^e sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell payeng the rent accordynglie To y^e servyce at Litelbroughe viij^s To y^e children of Roger Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to bie thē shepe w^tall Unto y^e children of Charles Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to be wared upon shepe Unto y^e children of Lawrenç Kaye vj^s viij^d to be bestowed upon shepe To y^e sayd Isabell my wyffe Francē Margarie and Elin my sayd childeren tenne oxen gates in Haslome heye² w^{ch} I have payd for to Richard Holt for vj yeris yet to come To Roger Holt my brother all my intrest and terme in one tēnt in Holcome heye w^{ch} I have bie vertue of one bargyne ffrom Georg Werbertō and that the [said] Roger shall have y^e same in as large mañ as y^e sayd Georg ought to have done by force of one graunt made unto him by Robert Holt late of Stubley y^e younger esquire deceassed I geve &c. y^e some of tow hundreth markē w^{ch} is due unto me for y^e mariage of Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant by reasō of the last will and testamēt and other mynymētē wryttyngē of y^e sayd Robert Holt y^e yonger to Margerie and Elyn my sayd doughters to be equallie devided betwyx thē and if ether of my sayd doughters shall fortune to die afore she shall accōplishe y^e full age of xxj yeris and before that tyme be not maried that thē y^e survyvor shall have such porcion of such doughters y^t shall so fortune to dye Where as I the sayd Robert Holt have taken by lease

¹ The farm now known as Browne Lodge, near Stubley.

² In the parish of Bury.

of y^e sayd Raufe Barton and Henrie Sayvell and others w^{ch} lease beyrthe date y^e 10 April 3 - 4 Philip and Mary certen meases lande &c. cōveed and assured by y^e sayd Robert Holt y^e younger to Robert Barton esquire and others y^e cooffees to certen uses and intent^e mēcioned in one payre of indentures beyryng date 8 March 3 - 4 Philip and Mary mad betwyx the sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell uppon y^e one pte and me y^e sayd Robert Holte one y^e other pte payeng yerelye for y^e same fourtye marke I geve &c. y^e sayd lease to y^e sayd Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant duryng all y^e terme of y^e same so that y^e sayd Charles wilbe cōtent quyetlye to pmytte my sayd tow doughters to receve y^e sayd ij hundredth markes other wyse I will y^t y^e sayd lease shall pase to my executors I will that my serūnt^e John Holt Roger my brother Henrie Holt Wyll^m Deurden Edmūde Mylne Edmūde Holland and James Holt shall have evy of thē one blake coate and y^e resydue of all my pte of good^e my dett^e beyng payd &c. I holly geve to my sayd doughters Margerie and Elin equallye to be devyded betwene them I make y^e sayd Isabell my wyffe Margerie and Elyn my doughters my true and faythfull executors to execute this my last wyll as the shall answere before God and I shall desire M^r Holland esquire Roger Holt my brother and Frances Walkeden to be supvisors of the same to se it executed accordynglie These witnesses Richard Holt S^r John Cheth^m clarke and Edmūde Mylne

Inventoriū omniū bonoꝝ et catalloꝝ que fueñt Roberti Holt nup de Stubley armiḡ die quo obiit app^ociaf p Edmūdū Whithede Edmūdū Kirshaghe Robertū Stott et Jacobū Heylewell fide dignos Inp^omis viij oxen xxj^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij bull^e and one segg^e iiij^{li} — xviij kyen xxviij^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij heffers liij^s iiij^d — iiij steres vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — vij twinters vj^{li} — x styrkes vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — on geldyng^e iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — one stagge iiij^{li} — iiij mares vj^{li} — jx schore shepe xxj^{li} — fyve swyne xl^s — in mayle and malte xl^s — jx fether bed^e jx bolsters vj pillowes w^t pillowbers vj^{li} — iiij mattresses xx^s — xjx coverlet^e v^{li} —

xx payre of shete^{v^{li}} — xx payre of blankett^e iiij^{li} — iiij coverynge for bedde^e xxx^s — a sylvⁿ salt and xiiij spones viij^{li} — in brase and masselen^{v^{li}} — arkes and chyste^e iij^{li} — in pewter vessell xx^s — stonnde kayres basens w^tall implemēte of howsehold xx^s — ij coverynge for a table w^t a coveryng for a cubbard xij^s — viij bourde clothes ij cuppebourd clothes v towels and x napkens xl^s — a payre of standyng bedd stocke^e w^t a payre of whele bedd stocke^e y^e hangynge and a cuppebourd in my lords chambre xxij^s — ij payre of bedd stockes y^e hangynge a cubberd a long bord and a forme in y^e greite chambre xvij^s iiij^d — tow payre of bedd stocke^e w^t hangynge and a cubbourd in y^e chappell chambre and in y^e iner chambre xij^s iiij^d — a cuppebourd w^t a joyned fourme in y^e new parloure vj^s viij^d — a cuppebourde in y^e hale vj^s viij^d — a longe bourde and ij loose formes in the hale iij^s iiij^d — a chimney of iron in y^e hale xxvj^s viij^d — a payre of standyng bed stocke^e a table w^t trestles in y^e inner ploure vij^s — ij payre of bedstocke^e a cupbourd and a lose bourd in y^e old ploure xiiij^s iiij^d — ij payre of beddstockes in S^r Myghelle chambre v^s — a payre of bedstocke^e in y^e chambre w^tout xx^d — ij chyste and one lose bord in y^e closet iiij^s — viij payre of bedstocke^e at y^e Whit wale x^s — in beyff bacon and salt vij^{li} — a spit and a gawbe iron iij^s — vj cheres and viij chusshens x^s — iiij payre of tonge ij^s — jx seacke and ij wynnowshete xxj^s iij^d — a heire x^s — in woll and cloth xlv^s — in flaxe and linen cloth xiiij^s iiij^d — cart^e wanes plowes harrowes yokes w^tall implemente belongyng to husbandri xl^s — in syllyng tymbre¹ xl^s — cowp tymbre x^s — sawen borde x^s — barked lether xx^s.

[No sum total mentioned.]

¹ i.e. timber used for wainscot.

THE WILL OF DAME MAUD GROSVENOR OF INCE.¹

IN the name &c. 9 November 1582 I Dame Mawde Grosvenor of Ince firste &c. and my bodie to bee buried in the church of Ince I give xl^s towards the repaying of the chancell of Ince To Mawde Hunte xx^{li} To Margerett Case x^{li} To Jane flecher x^{li} To my sonne Richard Grosvenor xl^{li} To Richard Bromley vj^{li} xiijs^d w^{ch} Sr Rowland Stanley oweth to mee To Little John flecher v^{li} To Sutton v^{li} To Richard Howggsley v^{li} To George Power xl^s To Thomas Wrighte the boye x^s To evie of my servante a halfe yeares wage To my sonne Shalcrosse and his wief x^{li} To my nephue Richard Grosvenor my best silver cuppe To my nephue Thomas Grosvenor a silver cuppe To my nephue Richard his wief a silver cuppe To my cosen John Fradsham and his wief ij kyne To my daughter Masterson a lyttle silver salte gilte To my cosen Mr William ffradsham all my timber lying in the courte for buildinge To Laurance Haie and his wief ij heyffers To Thomas Hyne the bayliffe ij bullocke To Humfrie Shawre a heiffer To Dorothee Carington a young heiffer To Henry Heills a young beaste To my cosen Mr Edward ffradsham a younge beaste To Richard Bromley xx shepe To Roger Blackden xx shepe To Roger Briscowe iij^{li} To old Alice iij^{li} To Sr Thomas Hale x^s To the clarke v^s To my cosen Mr Thomas Bunburie the bedd in the lyttle chamber nexte the windowe To Margrett Jarratt the bedd shee lyeth in and the bedd stoole I forgive my cosen Richard Hurleston the iij^{li} w^{ch} hee oweth mee To Roger Blackden the bedd hee lyeth in I

¹ Proved 17th November, 1582. Maud daughter of Sir William Poole of Poole county of Chester Knt. married first Sir Thomas Grosvenor of Eaton Knt. by whom she had a son and heir Thomas, Richard who died unmarried, Elizabeth wife of Richard Maisterson of Nantwich Esq., Catherine wife of Richard Hunt and afterwards of Richard Shalcross Esq., and Grace wife of John Massie of Coddington Esq. The testatrix afterwards married Robert Fletcher of Ince. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

give all my goodē &c. my dettē legasies and funerale expenses discharged to my sonne Richard Grosvenor To Edward Cewley x sheepe To Maior ffradsham x^s To M^{rs} Marie ffradsham a payre of sheetē To old M^{rs} ffradsham a payre of sheetē A payre of narrowe sheetē to Anne Watts To my sonne Richard G. the greate bedde To my sonne Masterson a bedde To my sonne Shalcrosse a bedde I make my welbeloved in Christe Thomas Bunburie esquier William ffradsham gent Richard G. my sonne and my sonne in lawe Shalcrosse my executors Delivered as the laste will and testamente of Dame Mawde Grosvenor in p^rsence of John ffradsham John ffradsham clarke Edward Cewley.

THE WILL OF JASPER WORTHE OF
TITHERINGTON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 18 February 1572 [1572-3] I Jasper Worthe of Tydrington in the parish of Prestburie esquier &c. My bodie to be buryed in St. Nicholas Chappell within Prestburie churchē I wyll that Thomas Jaxon Humfrey Swyndels John Barbor of Poole and John Barbor of Colde Harber shalbe the prayzers of all my goodē and catalles who for their paynes shall have everye one ten shillingē To Ales my wife threscore poundes To Philippe Worthe my sonne and heire twentie poundē To Edwarde W. my younger sonne twentye poundes To ffrauncē W. my youngest sonne twentie poundē To Jone my bastarde daughter twentye poundē To my nese Margarette Draycote daughter of George Draycote sex poundes over and besydes fourtene poundē which I owe unto the

¹ Proved 15th March, 1572-3. Jasper son of Sewall Worth of Titherington Esq. by Isabell daughter of John Sutton of Sutton married Alice daughter of Sir Philip Draycott of Painaley and had issue Philip, who married Margaret daughter of Roger Downes of Shrigley Esq., Edward, Richard and Francis. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 350.

said Margarett To Thomasyn Johnson and Margarett Andrew
my wiffes maydes eyther of them twentie shillinge It is my will
that the saide Edward W. and franc W. my sonnes shalbe truly
payed eyther of theim foure markes yearly duringe their lyves ac-
cordinge as I have all readye appoynted by two my severall deedes
All the rest of my goodes &c. shalbe equally divided betweene Ales
my wife and Philippe Worthe my sonne and heire whoe I make my
executor These beyinge witnesses Edmund Newsom clerke vicar
of Prestburie &c.

THE WILL OF PHILIP WORTHE OF
TITHERINGTON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 30 September 1581 I Phillippe Woorth of
Tydrington in the parisshe of Prestburye esquier &c. to be
buried in the parisshe church of Prestburye nere unto the place
where my father was buried To my sonne Jasper my clocke and
all suche selynge and glasse as I now have at Tydrington Hall and
the wyndowes there and one greate lokinge glasse which standeth
in the parlor to remayne to the said Jasper and suche as shall
happen to be his heire hereafter I geve &c. xl^s to be bestowed
amongest the poore in Prestburye parisshe that is to saye xx^s
amongest the poore wthin Macclesfelde and the other xx^s to the
poore dwellynge oute of Macclesfelde and wthin Prestburye parisshe
To everie suche my servaunte as shall weare my clothe x^s and to
every other w^{ch} shalbe my servaunte man or woman at the tyme of
my deathe fyve shillinge I desyre my trusty ffrendes and neigh-
bours Thomas Jaxon Rauffe Crowther John Barbor of the Poole
and John Barbor of the Colde Harbor to be the prwysors of my

¹ Proved 1581.

goodes And I geve unto the saide foure prwysors twentye shillinge for their paynes in prwysynge to be equally devided amongst them All the rest of my goodes I will shalbe equally devided into three partes wheareof I will my wife to have one parte and that my dette and my funerall shalbe discharged of the other two partes And the rest I geve to my sonnes to be equally devided betwene theim I make Margarette now my wyfe and Jasper my sonne my executors And I desyre the righte worshipfull and my trustye ffrende Thomas Leighe of Adlington esquier to be the supervisor Wytnesses Edmund Newson vic. of Prestbury &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN COTTON OF COTTON,
CO. CEST., ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 7 August 1579 I John Cotton of Cotton esquer wthin the countie of Chester &c. And my body to be buried wthin the chansell of Church Hullme I geve toward^e the repa^cōn of the said church vj^s viij^d To S^r Rauffe Dutton curate there vj^s viij^d To George Mynshull my brother-in-lawe xx^s Unto Rondull Mynshull my brother-in-lawe my blacke gowne lyned wth lambe and my Spanishe buskins furred and for that I have somewhat ov^r worne the said gowne I doe geve to the said Rondull a gowne clothe of my wyves makinge w^{ch} I pvyded for myselfe Unto Thom^as Cotton my soⁿe my shorte gowne Unto John C. my god sonne a heffer stirke Unto Hugh Forsty and Thom^as Amson to eyther of theym vj^s viij^d a pice Unto my brother Arthur C. the

¹ Proved 13th September, 1580. John Cotton of Cotton, near Sandbach, Esq., descended from John de Cotton, (living 36 Edw. III.) married Alice, daughter of Edward Mynshull of Mynshull Esq. His great grandson alienated the manor about the middle of the seventeenth century. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 72.

some of xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to be paid unto him w^{thin} oñ yeare nexte after my decease Unto my said brother Arthur and John Cotton th'elder my mañe all the residue of myne appell whereof my said brother to have the better pte at the ovsight of my cozin Henry Maynwearinge and my cosin Thom's Wynnyngton Unto Thom's Kyne vj^s viij^d for oñ quartars wages Unto my soñe Edward all that tymber w^{ch} M^r Brereton of Brereton gave unto me Unto my said soñe Edward all my armour Unto my doghters w^{ch} are maryed to yche of theym xl^s a pice Unto Alis C. my wyffe oñ halffe of the residue of all my goodē and cattelles my debte and funeralles beinge discharged on the whole To Thom's C. my soñe and Katherin C. my doughter two pte of the other halffe of my said goodē in iij ptes to be devyded And the said thirde pte I geve to all my fyve doghters w^{ch} be maryed equallie amongst theym to be devyded w^{thin} oñ moneth nexte after my decease Wheareas I stand indetted unto my soñe Thom's C. in a greate some of money my will is that my said soñe Thom's shall haue all the newe tymber aswell that w^{ch} I haue bought as allso all that was geven me together wth all the newe sclate that I haue bought heare or els wheare to be found and all the whit lyme w^{ch} I haue bought in pte of payment of the said some w^{ch} I doe stand indetted unto him I make the said Alis C. my wyffe and Rondull Mynshull my brother-in-lawe my executors entyrelie desyringe my said cozin Henry Maynwearinge and my cozin Thom's Wynnyngton to be supvysors hereof &c. in the presence of Richard Hurleston Edward Cotton Thom's Cotton George Mynshull John Cotton Radūs Dutton clericus Thom's Mynshull.

THE WILL OF ALICE, WIDOW OF RALPH BYROM
OF SALFORD.¹

IN Dei &c. The xxvjth day of the monethe of January in y^e yere of o^r Lorde a thowsand fyve hundreth xxij [1523-4] I Alyce late wyffe of Raufe Byrome holl of mynd &c. ffyrst I beqwethe my saule to Allmyghty God to o^r blyssyd lady and to all y^e holy company of heven and my body to be buryd w^t in the college church of o^r blyssyd Lady of Manchest^r And my beste beeste in y^e name of my mo^rtuary I beqwethe toward y^e rode seler x^{os} To y^e frere howse of Weryngton for to pray fo^r my saule and all crysten saulez x^{os} To a preat to syng fo^r me . . . an halfe yere xl^{os} Towarde the mendynge of fowle ways ij^{os} iiij^d I wyll y^t myn executo^rs pay fo^r Thomas Byrome my sone the ferme of hys howse by vj zeres next comynge if the said Thomas cotynue so longe on lyfe y^t is to wete evy of y^e said vj zere xvij^{os} My executors shall delyvⁿ to the sayd Thomas wⁱⁿ the sayd terme of vj zerys toward hys clothyng awdo^r in money o^r els in clothe xxij^{os} iiij^d To Elyⁿ my doghto^r vj^{li} xij^{os} iiij^d and my burd clothe of twyll To Agnes my doghto^r my beste gowne my beste kyrtyll my best hude and xl^{os} in money To John Browne and Adam Browne sonnes of Wi^lhm Browne to aither of yam iiij m^lk^e the same to be delyv^d.....at suche tyme as myn executors shall thynk yam of dyscre^on to.....it To Raufe Browne y^e broder xl^{os} in suche lyke manere to be delyv^d as to the othe^r brether To Margarette my dought^r xx^{os} To Nycolesse Pylkynton vj^{os} viij^d To Sr Raufe Mody vj^{os} viij^d To evy one of my godchylder viij^d And where as one Thomas Masse lately hathe pcuryd to vexen me and my chyldren of and fo^r certayn sum^s of

¹ No date of probate. Alice, daughter of . . . Starkey of Pennington, married Ralph, second son of . . . Byrom of Byrom, ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. — Lanc. Visitation 1613; Pedigree in *Byrom's Remains*, vol. ii. part 2.

money or goodē y^e whyche as ye said Thomas lately hathe supposyd shuld have bene delyvvd un to Raufe Byrome my husband or to me y^e sayd Alyce to y^e use or behove of y^e sayd Thomas know yow as I shall answerre afor God y^t I nev^r nor my said husband to my knowlege nev^r had any manⁿ gold sylv^r or other goodē yeven or delyvvd to nowthe^r of us unto y^e use of the said Thomas except 2^o tain evydence the whyche wer delyvvd un to me by y^e handē of Katryn Radclyffe mod^r of the said Thomas The resydew of all my goodē aft^r my whyddē payd and my funerall expenses hade I gyffe and beqwethe to Adam Byrome and S^r Robert Byrome my sonnnez and make the said Adame and y^e said S^r Robert my true and leafull executors and Mast^r Thrustayn Tyldesley and Maist^r George Trafford the ovseers of y^e my laste wyll y^t they all may orden for my saule as they shall thynk best Thes wyttenseses S^r Raufe Mody and S^r Jamys Grene pst Richard Galey Gylbert Sorocold and od^r Yeven the day and yere aforesaid.

THE WILL OF JOHN DAVENPORT OF WISTASTON,
CO. CEST., GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 8 Jan. 1595 [1595-6] I John Davenport of Wistaston wthin the countie of Chester gent. beinge &c. my bodie to be buried in the pishe churchē of Bunburie in the wall of the Ladye quere and a monum^{te} of allablaster or such like as by the discrecō of my executors shalbe thoughte meete to be made over me wthin one yere nexte after my decesse to the value of xx^{li} or there aboutē My will is that Margarie my wife upon condiçōn that she

¹ Proved 17th September, 1598. John Davenport of Wistaston gent. second son of John Davenport of Calveley Esq. by Eleanor daughter of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 154.

will nor shall not after my decease be advysed counselled or directed by Robte Crockett or Isabell his wife nor haue any thinge to doe wth them or either of them other then suche assuraunce as I am coveñtēd or agreed to be made nor shall bestowe any pte or pfit of the lyvinge or goodē w^{ch} I doe by this my will leave unto hir upon them or either of them or to any their yssue nor frequente or use the company or fellowship of them or any of them shall have all my landē and rentē of inheritance for terme of hir lyfe she payinge unto my brother Arthure Davenportē my nephewe Edwardē Davenportē my sister Dorothie Greene and to my sister Jane Philkin yche of them xl^s apeece yerelie for terme of their lyves w^{ch} yf she shall not pforme in all or any pte then this devise to hir to be utterlie voyde And then I doe devise the same landē unto my brother Hughe Davenportē esquier for terme of his lyfe the remaynder thereof unto John Davenportē sonne of the said Hughe and to the heires of the same John for ever Unto the righte wor^{ll} S^r Rondull Brereton knightē and unto Peter Warburton esquier serjeant at lawe whom I nōiāte ovseers of this my will the sōme of iiij^{or} angels a peece in golde to make either of them a ringe for a remembrānce To Richard Clutton gent for a remembrānce of my good will my bruche Unto my good frende Thomas Case of Chester gent the sōme of xx^s for a remembrānce All the reste of my goodē and chattelē whatsoe^r (my beste chayne of golde and my greate golde signett excepted) w^{ch} I will shalbe gevon to suche as hereafter I shall appoint upon the condiçōn before spied I give &c. to my said wife w^{ch} yf she shall not in evy poynte pforme then this and all other giftē before to hir made to be utterlie voyde and of non effecte and she to have onelie paid unto hir out of my said landē duringe hir lyfe the yerelie sōme of twentie m^lke in money And likewise to be delyved or paid unto her out of my said goodē to the sōme of one hundred m^lke in full satisfaction of all demandē w^{ch} she can clayme after my decease And of this my will I doe nōiāte &c. Hughe Calveley esquier and

the said Margarie my said wife my executors and the said S^r Rondull Brereton and Peter Warburton ovseers In witnesse whereof &c. My further will is and I doe give unto my coson John filkyn my beste doubled and hose also to my coson Richard filkin my seconnde doublett and hose Unto my godson John Philkin my blacke Dutch cloke garded wth velvett Unto Edwarde Davenporte sonne of my brother Anthonye all the reste of myn appell Itm in consideraçon of all frendship and reckonynge shewed I give to my brother Thomas Greene alderman of Chester the some of vij^{li} To my coson Hughe Davenporte my sworde and buckler.

THE WILL OF RALPH LAWTON, RECTOR
OF BEBYNGTON.¹

IN the name &c. The xvijth day of Maye mccccxxxi. I Rauff Lawton clerke pson of the parishe church of Bebyngton seke &c. and my body to cristian sepultu^r I will that my fun^{er}ial^e expenses be made and done in competent and cōvenient man^{er} accordyng to my degre at the disposiçon of myne executor To the iij orders of ffrerys at Chester to be evenly distribute among^e theyr iij howses iiij^{os} for to have theyr praers for the welth of my soule and all cristen soules To the cōvent of the monk^e of Seynt Werburge in Chester to have dirige and masse of requiem by theym sayd and celebrate in theyr monast^y x^{os} To my moth^r Mawde Massey vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d To Sir John Hareson curat of Bebyngton above seyde x^{os} he to synge and say a trental for my soule and all cristien soules To the same Sir John my sarsanet typett and my best blake hosen To John Whyksted my chamelet jaket my best dowlet of blake chamlett and a shertt and my botys To Sir Wiłlm Johnson preste my rydyng gowne and

¹ No date of probate.

my cloth tyet lyned with sarsenet To Margret Mydylton doghtor to Robt Mydylton flech^h late of Chest^e decessyd toward hyr mariage xlo^s Unto Rog^e Sclater Hugh Scla^t and Randle Scla^t to evy one of theym a payr of hosyn and a payr of shoys And to Nicholas Brygge myñ olde wolsted jaket in recompense of theyr payn and labor hade and doñ abowte me in my sekenes To Henr Vernon my gray horse called Gryme and a payr of rydyng shoys The residue of all my goode aft^r my dett^e payd and my funral expense; deducted I will to be at the disposiçō of myñ executor for the helth and welth of my soule I orden &c. Mr John Lawton clerke pson of Astbury myñ executor Thes beyng wittenes Sir Wiffm Johnson of Chester chapeleyne John Whyksted and Henry Vernon with oth^r Yeven and made the day and yer above seyde.

Among y^e debts owing by y^e testator are y^e following "To my mayst^r Sir John Lawton pson of Astburye of hym by me borrowyd at dyvse tymes in my necessities lv^{li} x^{os} For the pension of Bebyngton to be payd at the feste of Seynt James next coming xij^{li} vj^{os} viij^d To the vicar of Bromboro by the assignment of th^e abbot and cōvent of Chest^e for the pension of Bebyngton due at mydsomⁿ next xij^{os} iiij^d."

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH WIDOW OF THOMAS DAVENPORT OF HENBURY ESQ.¹

IN the &c. the xvth of December 1577 I Eliz. Dāmport widowe late wyffe of Tho. Dampart late of Henburie in the cownty of Chester Esquyre do ordayne &c. my body to be buried in the chaple

¹ Proved in 1578. Elizabeth, daughter of John Fitton of Gawsworth Esq., married 25th May, 8th Henry VIII., Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq., by whom she had issue John, Hugh, Amy wife of Wm. Beard Esq. of Derbyshire, and Katherine wife of Wm. Leversage of Wheelock Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 292, 352.

standing in the church yard of Pstburie nere unto my said husbände
 To my nephewe Rondle Damporth one chalice to make hym a cupp
 and one angell of gould To Marie Dameport wyfe of the said Rondle
 one angell of gould To Wiffm and Tho. D. sonnes of the said
 Rondle to ether of theym one angell of gould To Dority D. dought^r
 of the said Rondle one heff^r w^{ch} I bought of Tho. Maddock To my
 dought^r Katherin Lyvsage one ringe of gould wth a stone therin and
 my best gowne To my dought^r Em Berd one litle ring of gould w^{ch}
 was my wedding ring and my second gowne To my cosyn M^ogerie
 Hassall my beste peticoate To Joane Moreton my servaunt mayd
 all the bedd and clothes y^t she useth commenie to lye in or upon
 and towe pair of sheete and three pownde vj^s viij^d in money To
 evie one y^t I am godmother unto towe shillinge To John M^rler
 iij^s iiij^d I beqweth towarde a newe bell at Pstburie sixe shillinge
 viij^d My sonn Pet^r D. shall have all the rest of my goode and
 cattells w^{ch} said Peter my sonn I ordeyn &c. my true and onlie ex-
 ecutor Thees being wytnes Rondle Damporth Tho. ffyton &c.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLUTTON OF
 NANTWICH, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 16 Apryll 1571 I Thomas Clutton of the
 Nampste wiche wthin the cou^{tey} of Chester gent My body to
 be buryed in christen buryall whear it shall please my executors I
 wyll that after my decesse all my landes be eqwally devyded into
 three partes one pte whearof I geve &c. to Margery my wyfe for
 term of hir life in name of hir dower and jonter the seconde pte
 thear of I geve to my son Thomas C. and his heyres the thrid pte
 thearof I wyll that my executors shall have to the use of all my

¹ Proved August 3rd, 1575.

doughters untill fortye poundes a peese shall be had to everye of them towards their mariages My wyll is that my wife have in hir thrid pte my howse whear in I dwell wth all orchardes and gardens and medoe to the same after the rate of the olde rente duringe hir wydoe hooode I wyll that my dettes be payd of my wallinge and wood and other of my goodes and after my dettes payd I wyll the one halfe of my goodes to my wyfe and the other to be devyded amongeste my young^{er} children To Tho^ms my son my signet of golde my harnes and after my wyfes deathe or mariage my silynge in the hall and my beste bed in the parlor as nowe it standethe or as my wyfe wyll leave it I wyll that my wyfe have all my tackes and leases to brynge up hir children wthall duringe hir life if she kepe hir selfe soole and unmarried my ground at Clutton excepte. My executors shall have the occupacion of my grounde at Clutton to the behove of my son Richard C. and to the keepinge of hym at his lernynge so longe as it shall please M^{rs}tes Sevyll and M^{rs}ter Wylbram to pmyt them to occupy the same and the ov^{er}plus to be bestoed upon my doughters at the ov^{er} sygthe of my executors I wyll that after the deth or maryage of M^{rs}gery my wyfe that my son Tho^ms shall have my intereste in the Shae and then I geve &c. my terme thear in to hym and his executors I wyll that after the fortye poundes payd to my doughters a peyse that M^{rs}gery my wyfe shall have all the landes and tenymentes w^{ch} I purchased of Thomas Charnels and Elynor his wyfe to hir for terme of hir lyfe ov^{er} and besydes hir thrid pte duryng^e hir life And after hir decesse I geve unto my son Richard C. all the said landes &c. to hym and to [his] heires males and for default &c. to the use of my son Tho^ms C. and his heires for ev^{er} I make my executors Margery my wyfe Richarde Hassall Richarde Wylbram of the Namp^te wiche John Wryghte of Bakeley and my brother Hoⁿffrey C. My brother Tho^ms Wylbram and Wy^{ll}thm Ly^lsedge esquier shalbe my ov^{er}seers Wytnes Robert Pickeryn Tho^ms Twoyearolde John Clutton &c.

THE WILL OF THOMAS PENDLETON OF
MANCHESTER.¹

IN the &c. the ixth daye of Aprill in y^e yere of o^r Lorde God a M fyve hūdreth and xxxiiij I Tho^ms Pendylton of Mancest^r sounde and hoole of mynd &c. My bodye to be buryed in the pyahe chyrche of Mancest^r I wyll y^t evy prest beyng at my derige shall have iiij^d and y^e qwere to be ordred after y^e olde accustome To an honest and vertuous prest for y^e space of fyve yers next ensuing my dethe yerlye iiij^{li} to synge for my saule and my frend^e saule; and to saye masse ons in the weke of scala celi I wyll that my doghters Grace and Margerye shall haue towarde theyre maryage equally betwyxe theyme x^{li} overe and besyd theyre chyld^e porcōn and yff hit fortune ewther of theyme to depte or they be maryed I wyll y^t y^e survivor shall haue bothe y^r partes To oure ladie service xij^d I wyll that my wyffe Margarie shall haue my howse and y^e take or leace of my feald^e wyth thappurtenance; duryng hir lyve and after my deth y^t she shall assigne y^e saide house and feeld^e to suche children or chyld^e as she shall thynke in hir conscience most nedfull and requisite to assigne it unto I ordayne my wyffe Margarie and my sone; fraunc^e and Edward^e² to be my executors and to dispose the residew of my good^e my dett^e and fuⁿall expenses paied for the healthe of my saule and [I] bequeath to y^e ffreers observant^e of Newarke for a trentall x^s Thies beyng wisesse of my p^sent wyll Richard Bradshay³ and John Dyconson prest^e Rauffe Pendilton Richard Bradshay Alexand^r Walker and Witm Clogh wyth other.

¹ No date of probate.

² Edward Pendleton, a member of an ancient Manchester family, afterwards D.D., and in 1547 Fellow of the Collegiate Church, and Head Master of the Grammar School, Manchester, a man famous for the elasticity of his conscience in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth. — *Fasti Eccles. Mancun.*, a MS. by Canon Raines.

³ Richard Bradshaw, a Fellow of the Collegiate Church, Manchester. — *Ibid.*

THE WILL OF ROGER HEYTON OF HEYTON, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 27 July 1597 I Roger Heyton of Heyton in the county of Lancaster gentleman being &c. My body to be buried in the parish church or church yeard of Deane neigh my parentes and ffrends &c. I give Ollyver Grenaughe my nephewe after my deceasse all my whole right that I have or oughte to have in a lease of the mannor and mannor howse of H, over to my ffather Richard Heyton and to my mother Alice H. and to the longer l them and to their assignes ffor the tearme of threescore and neynteene yeares by Will[iam] Heyton² of Bircheley Esquier brother unto the said Richard H. my father with all howses orchards pastures &c. to the said mannor and mannor howse belonging so that the said Ollyver Grenaughe and his assignes shall maintaine and keepe with foode and rayment honestlie and sufficientlie Thomas Heyton my brother Ann Heyton and Dorety Heyton my sisters for terme of their naturall lives yf this lease be recovered And whereas there [has been] a controversie betweene me and James Anderton of Lostocke Esquier for the whole inhe[ritance] and lande belonging to the heires of the Heytons namely of all the lande lyinge in Hey[ton Hor]wich Lostocke Rumworth Synderland Birchley Billinge Rosset Ulverston ffurnes [and else]where within the county of Lan^c w^{ch} lande the said James Anderton wrongfully ffrom me by a p^tended tytyle

¹ Proved 25th April, 1598.

² William Heyton of Birchley Esq., son of Richard Heyton of Heyton by his first wife Anne, daughter of Roger Hulton of Hulton Park Esq., married Jane, daughter of Sir William Farrington, by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Alice. Richard Heyton married secondly Margaret Garstang, by whom he had (with other children) Richard Heyton, father of the testator. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1567.

of one that came out of Ireland who named him[s]elf Richard Heyton the son of fernando Heyton but he was proved to have counterfeit his na[me] his name was Thomas Heyton a bastard sonne of old William Heyton who died at Lon[don] at Westminster And wheras Richard Horrobyn husbandman William Marshe James Yeate the yonger H Yeat th'elder [have] taken their oathe before the commissioners James Browne Esquier Edward Langtree Esquier George Holme gentleman Robert Pinnington gentleman that he was not Richard Heyton fernandos sonne but a bastard sonne of old William Heyton I am fully pswaded in my conscience and dare boldlie take yt on my death that the oath they have taken herein is most true and the rather because fernando Heyton did tell me that his sonne Richard H. died in London of the plague about twenty yeres agoe And of this my last will and testament I doe make Ollyver Grenaugh my nephew and Thomas H. my brother my true and lawfull executors and Edward Langtree Esquire and James Browne Esquire the overseers of this my last will &c.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM HYDE OF
URMSTON, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 23 August 1587 I William Hyde of Urmston wthin the parishe of Flixton and county of Lan^c gentillman sicke in bodie &c. to be buried in the chansell at Flixton

¹ Proved 26th September 1587. William Hyde of Urmston gent., eleventh in descent from Sir Robert Hyde of Hyde co. Cest. Knt. living in the time of Henry III., married Margaret, daughter of John Arderne of Harden Esq., by whom he had issue John his son and heir, who married Susan, daughter of William Ashton of Clegg gent. by Anne, daughter and coheiress of Ralph Belfield of Clegg Esq., Anne baptised at Flixton 17th February 1580-1, the wife of William Brettargh of Brettargh

trustinge to ryse &c. My debte shalbe payd and then the residue of my goodē shalbe devided equally into three parte y^t is to saye one for me an other for my wyffe Margaret H. and the third last part for my two children Briched H. my elder doughter and Anne H. my yonger doughter Unto my sonne John H. y^t chist whiche hath my evidence in and the evidence therin wth a cubbord whiche standes in the parler and all suche writinges as are therin belonginge to my lande and my wyffe shall keepe the kyes of the sayd chystes and they shall remayne wher they are y^t is to saye at my mañor house of Urmston and that she shalbe reedy to let the fefyes when they shall neede any thinge therin for the mayntenance of my land to have the sayd keeyes And yf my wyffe marie agayne I will y^t they fefyes shall take the sayd keeyes from her and keepe them them selves unto the use of my sonne John To the sayd John my sonne a lead caled a fornace wth all racke pothoncke iren chimnyes wher any fyres are letten withe the clocke and the jacke whiche turneth the broche I will y^t y^e harnesse whiche I have shalbe kepte for the use of my sonne wth my bowe and arrowes and y^t they shalbe deliv^d to him when he cometh to the age of xxj yeres My three sisters shall haue everie one a blacke gounne Anne Gleyve¹ Dorety Medocrofft and Elin Webe My aunte Byrtelles shall haue a blacke gounne Ther shalbe six gounnes bestowed on six powre folckes one to Rogger Ewans an other to Nicholas Roggers and who the other foure shalbe I reserve y^t to my executor To Nicholas Darbishire my servant xx^s To Elizabeth Darbishire xx^s To Robert Williamson my servant vj^s viij^d To Henrie Hamer Robert Bouth John Blomyle Margarye Darbishire to everie one of thesse iij^s iiij^d Unto my wyffe all my

Holt gent, and Bridget buried at Flixton 29th April 1592. — *Harl. MSS.* 1437, p. 139. The Urmston estates passed to the family of Hulme of Davy Hulme in the parish of Eccles by the marriage (22nd September 1642) of Richard Hulme Esq. of Davy Hulme with Susan, great-granddaughter and heiress of the testator.

¹ Anne, wife of John Gleave of High Legh, and Dorothy, wife of Francis Meadowcroft of Smethurst gent.

parte of goodē whiche shall remayne when these legayses and my funerall expenses are taken out And yf yt happen y^t M^r Richard Garratte [Gerrard] parson of Stoppard or any other doe obtayne or boye of my lord treasurer my sonne John for me unto the use of me my wyffe and children then I will y^t soe muche goodē as the sayd M^r Garratte shall laye downe for that use shalbe first taken uppe of the marishe of my sonne And the rest whiche is lefte of his marishe goodē I geve xliⁱⁱ of yt to my sonne John and the rest I geve to my doughters Briched and Anne to be equally devided I will y^t my wyffe shall have the rulinge of my children and the use of their goodē untill they come to age or marishe soe longe as she continues in my name unmarried And yf my wyffe doe marie they feffyes shall take order both for the keepinge of my children and the use of ther goodē My wyffe shall haue the keepinge of my sonne John and occupyng of his part of land untill he be maried and shall occupye [the] third part of my landes in Urmston or eles wher soe longe as she keepes her selfe unmarried for the use of Briched H. and Anne H. payinge for the same yerely soe muche rent as shalbe thought reasonable by M^r George Latham William Sharlocke and James Ryle the whiche rent shall only goe to the p^rferment of Briched H. and Anne H. I make Margaret H. my wyffe my executor to see this my will fulfilled as my trust lyeth in her nex unto God and my overseers the right worshippfull Sir John Radclyffe Knyght my maister and my welbeloved brother in lawe Mr Raphe Arderren Esquire of Ardayne and my cosen M^r Richard Radclyffe of Newcroft.

THE WILL OF HUGH STARKEY OF OULTON ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The vth daye of Auguste MDLV. I Hughe Starkye of Olton in y^e countie of Chest^r Esquyer beinge hole in bodye &c. I will y^t iff [it] ffortune me to dye wthin the countie of Chest^r that then my bodye shall be buried in y^e chañsell of O^v² in my tombe there I bequeathe to Margarie my wyffe xl^{tie} markç of my landç of the inheritance of my ffather as is appoynted unto her by writinge and the third pte of all my goodç and y^e litle fouldon borde y^t standeth in y^e plore To my executors all my purchased landç leacç ffermes and tackes my ferme of Benthles onelye excepted and all suche dettç as shalbe owinge to me y^e daye of my deathe to thintente y^t my said executors shall paye yearly to y^e psons hearafter named that is to saye to Elen Sterkye one of my sisters and to Sissely Sterky sometyme nuñe of Elstow an other of my sisters either of them iiij^{li} yearly during their sevall lyves To Whenefryde Leche towardç her pferment and mariage y^e some of iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d To James Yonge my servant xvj^s yearely during y^e terme of xxx^{tie} yearç if he so longe do lyve To Thomas Mynsule my ðvant viij^s yearelye for terme of xxx yearç if &c. To Robt Olton otherwise named Robt Jacson xiiij^s iiij^d for terme of xxx^{tie} years if &c. To Rauff Capper my ðvant xxv^s for terme of xxx^{tie} yeares if &c. My said ferme of Benteleis before excepted in these pñsents I gyve to my ðvant Robt Wettenhall Unto my said executors the advowson

¹ Proved June 8th, 1577. Hugh, son and heir of Hugh Starkey of Oulton Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married *Margaret*, daughter and heiress of — Swanick of Wirswall, by whom he had no issue. He had an illegitimate son Oliver Starkey a knight of Malta and afterwards grand prior of the order. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104.

² The church was rebuilt by the testator in 1543. — Ibid, vol. ii. p. 103.

of y^e viccarige of O^v w^{ch} I haue by grant for the next avowdance therof and I will y^t my executors shall at y^e next avowdance p^{re}sent therunto Omffrey Lyghtfoote clerke if he be then lyvinge Unto y^e said viccar of O^v xl^s for my mortuarie to praye for me To Rauff Kettell of Swanlowe x^s for terme of xxxth year^e if &c. To Hughe Wettenhall xx^s yearly duringe y^e lyf of his ffather so y^t he be not retayned unto any mans service nor weare any manes liv^{er}aye duringe y^e same tyme To Jane Wudnett xl^s to her mariage All my apprell of my bodie to y^e said Hughe Wettenhall and to John Brocke and to John Leche To Ellen Ecton iij^{li} toward^e y^e exsebycōn of her poore children To Robt Sclaver my s^{er}vant xij^s iij^d during xxxth yeares if &c. I bequethe lxxx^{li} to make a substanciall horse waye paved betwixt Darley and the Namp^{te} wiche and to defend it wth cart^e Unto my cosyn Thomas Starnynge my best horse or geldynge at his alecōn and v mark^e To Witm Greene my s^{er}vant my best wayne one plowe one cowe and one harrowe To ev^{er}y one of my serva^{nt}e bothe men and women w^{ch} shalbe dwelling wth me at y^e daye of my deceasse a whole yeares wages apeese. To my syst^r Eme Wetenhall xx^{li} toward^e y^e mariage of her to be payde unto her wth in ij yeares aft^r my deceasse To my one bowle of sylv^{er} pcell gylt To S^r Arthure Dersey Knyght y^t is for my owen goynge in Elcā pke To John Brickinden nowe p^{er}son of Grace church^e in London my newe clothe gowene furred wth marterons¹ [If] my said wyff do refuse to take y^e said xl merke of my land^e and iij pte of my good^e in fulle contentacōn of her dower but do p^{re}tend tittle to an^y more of my land^e then I will y^t y^e gyfte of y^e iij^d pte of my good^e to her before made shalbe voyde My said wyffe shall have ij ffether bed^e and ij matrasses compleate one sylv^{er} salte and one sylv^{er} cuppe psell gylte wherin she useth to drinke ale vj kyne and vj sylv^{er} spones in full satisfacōn of all her pte of my good^e &c. and not to entermedle wth any other psell of y^e same

¹ i.e. the fur of a marten.

I will that all suche writyngē as are made bytwene me and my brothre James S. conserynyng th'enherytaunce of Hugh S. or ffather shall stand in fulle force and strengthe All other y^e resydewe of my goode shalbe equallye devyded in iij eqall ptes wherof Margerie my right welbeloved wyffe shall haue to her owen use one of y^e same iij pte w^{ch} shalbe worthe one C markē at y^e least in full reco^pence of all her pte of my goode &c. And y^e other ij ptes and residwe of my goode and lykewyse all suche proffete as shall come of my said ffermes and tacke and debte I will y^t my executors shall imploy towardē y^e p^rfermentē of mariage of poore mayde releve and succore of poore infante and fatherles children and other poore neadie people repaying and mendyng highe wayes and decayed bridge and suche other lyke and charitable good deade as my said executors and y^e survyve of them shall thinke moste charitable and godlye to be done I ordayne &c. my right trustie and lovinge cosens Richard Wylbrā Esquyer John Brewne of Stapleford Esquyer Richard Starkye of Stretton Esquyer and John Leche gentelman my executors and for their payne I gyve &c. to evy one y^e su^m of v^{li} And I make Sr John Savage Knyghte supvisor. In wytnesse &c.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CHORLEY OF
CHORLEY GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 13 Dec^r 1585 I Wiltm Chorley of Chorley in the countie of Lancaster gent holle in bodie &c. To be buried within the churche of Chorley in the chancell under a stone

¹ The inventory is dated 26th of January, 28th of Elizabeth, [1585-6]. William, son and heir of William Chorley of Chorley gent. by Elizabeth daughter of William Charnock of Charnock Esq., married Alice daughter of James Anderton of Euxton gent. by whom he had issue William his son and heir (ob. vit. pat. having married Bridget daughter of William Hutchinson of West Hallam, ? co. Derby), James,

where my grantffather was buried I give to Wiſſm Chorley sonñ to my sonñ Wiſſm C. latelie deceased my clocke chime and bells and all my harnes pteynynge to the warres I doe devise all my oulde ancient rentē of all my tenantē in Walton nere Lyrpoule the cheffe rent payed yearlye to the Quenes maiestie wich is xx^s onlie except ffrom the daye of my decease for the tearme of five yeares to Alexand^r Chorley Marie C. and Alis C. younger children of my sonñ Wiſſm C. latelie deceased Whereas I haue a lease for certen yeares of Olivere Garrard of Brindell of ground called Denham Banke and alsoe a lease of certen pcells of ground in Adlington called Famer of George Ashall the rev^{con} of wiche said leases I doe geve to the said Alex. C. Marie C. and Alis C. Alsoe my especiall desyre and requeste is that my said executors doe fullfyll my sonñ Wiſſm C. his laste will and teastament accordinge to the truste he reposed in my [me] and alsoe where it is sett downe in my said sonñ Wiſſm his will that I should haue the orderinge of all his tymbre and stone wherefor and for that I haue well recompensed not onlie Brigett C. my dought^r in lawe with certen landes duringe her liffe but alsoe haue recompensed the said Alexand^r Marie and Alis C. wherefore Wiſſm C. eldest sonñ of my said sonñ Wiſſm C. shall haue the said tymb^r and stone And whereas I haue a lease of Richard Whittell of certen ground in Chorley called the Lee the revertōn of wiche I doe geve to Mawde Chorley nowe my servant All my goodes and cattellē shalbe devided into three equall pte whereof Alis nowe my wiffe to haue oñ pte accordinge as of right she ought to haue the second pte I geve to Leonrd C. my sonñ desyringe and prayinge

Leonard, and Anne wife of Roger Gillibrand of Chorley gent. — *Lanc. Visit.* 1567–1613. The testator's descendant Richard Chorley together with his son Charles were involved in the Rebellion in 1715. The former was executed at Preston 9 Feb. 1716, and the latter died in prison at Liverpool soon after his trial. The Chorley Hall estate was confiscated and sold to Abraham Crompton of Derby gent., and is now by purchase the property of Robert Townley Parker Esq. of Cuerden Hall. — *Lanc. Memorials of 1715*, pp. 192, 200. *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part iii. p. 366.

him not onlie for Godes cause but alsoe for my sake and at this my requeste that he would be contented to lett Wiilm my basterd sonñ to haue the half of his seconde pte with him consideringe all my gyftes and benefittē heretofor bestowed upon him and the laste and thrid pte I reser to my self for that after my debtes &c. payed Alis now my wiffe and all the children of Roger Gelibrond my sonñ in lawe shall haue all my said thrid pte to be equallie devided amongst them I make Alis my wiffe Leonrd C. my sonñ Roger Gelibrond my sonñ in lawe and Hughe Rigby my executors and my cosin James Anderton of Clayton supvisor of this my laste will &c. These beyng recorde John Grene curate of Chorley John Gelebrand Jamys Totell w^t others.

THE WILL OF ANNE, THE WIDOW OF PHILIP
MAINWARING OF PEOVER, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 29 January 1586[1586-7] I Anne Manwaringe wyddowe late wief of Phillipe Manwaringe of Pe^v Esquier deceased beinge sicke in bodye &c. to be buried in the chancell of O^v Pe^v nere unto my late husbände and I geve unto the same churchē towardē the reparacōn therof xx^s I geve a dozen poore folkes men and women eiche one a gowne of blacke fryse Unto my sonne Randle one gould ringe sett wth a blue safyre Unto my doughter in lawe his wief one pare of braslettē of goulde Unto Anne M. my sonnes doughter one paire of braslettē of corall dressed wth silver Unto Katherine M. my sonnes doughter one ringe of

¹ Proved 27th April, 1587. Anne daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft Knt. married Philip Mainwaring of Peover Esq., son of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. by Katherine sister of William Honford of Honford Esq., and had issue Randle Mainwaring, Captain Edward Mainwaring of Ranmore near Nantwich, and Elizabeth who died without issue. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 371, 372.

gould sett wth pearle Unto Randle M. my sonnes sonne one ringe of gould wth the roe bucke¹ and my name ingraved thereon conteyn- inge in value one angell to be made by my executors and to e^vye one of my sonnes yonger sonnes e^vye one an angell to be imployed to their uses by my executors wth th'advice of their father Unto my syster Calveley² my gould ringe ingraved wth a roe bucke Unto my brother Wi^lm Leycester one ringe of gould wth an emerode w^{ch} he now hath in his owne custodie Unto my brother Laurance Leycester one graye mare called Millington Unto my cosine Elizabeth Trafford one ringe of gould sett wth a diamonde Unto everye one of my brother Laurance his children vj^s viij^d Unto my newewe George Leycester one incalf heffer Unto Anne Leycester my god- daughter one incalf heffer v^{li} in money and my best peticote Unto Anne Langeton my goddaughter my gowne of fryssadowe³ my statute⁴ peticote and one of my best smockes I geve all the residue of my lynnens belonginge to my bodye w^{ch} shall not other wyse be bequethed hereafter to be equallie devided betwixt Anne Leycester and Anne Langton at the discre^con of my executors Unto my syster wief unto my brother Laurance my best lane partelett and two paire of ruffes Unto my ser^unt Richard Cragge o^v and besides his wage due xij^s iiij^d in money Unto Elizabeth Burges one ould peticote Unto e^vye one of my god children in O^v Pe^v xij^d Unto Ellyn ffernhoughe my white peticote and to Hughe Pymlott^e wief one smocke Whereas Mathew Bartinton the yonger is indetted unto me by three se^vall billes for the payment of twentye pownd^e at three se^vall dayes I will that yf I dye before the dayes of pay- ment my executores shall deliver him his bill^e cancelled Allwaies p^rvided that he paye one fyve pound^e of the same debt unto Anne Bartington his syster and all the residue of the said some I free for-

¹ The crest of Leycester of Toft.

² Mary wife of Hugh Calveley of Lea Esq.

³ Frizade — freize cloth. — *Archæol.* vol. xi. p. 92. *Halliwel.*

⁴ Woollen petticoats enjoined to be worn by a statute dated 1571.

geve him My will ys that Wittm Cooke als Shorlocke shall haue likwaies his bille cancelled and suche money as he dothe owe unto me I frelye forgeve him My executors shall cause to be made certeyne ringe of Gould to the value of x^s a peece wth my name ingraven and the roe bucke therupon and shall deliv^y the same unto suche psons whose names shalbe herafter specified that is to witt S^r Edmunde Trafford knight Edmund his sonne and John sonne of the said Edmund M^ogaret Leighe of Adlington daughter of the said S^r Edmund Hughe Calveleye Esquier George and Hughe his two sonnes Thomas Starkye of Stretton Esquier and Tymothy [Timothea] his wief my brother Langton and Phillip his sonne my cosine Leighe of Boothes my ante Stanley my cosyne Anne Blundell my cosyne Katherine Urmeston my cosine Elizabeth Irland Elizabeth the wief of my brother Wittm Leycester my brother Lawrance Leicester and Eleñ his wief my cosine Jane Davemport my uncle Bonaventure Carington Unto Isabell the daughter of Wittm Normansell deceased one heffer w^{ch} was the heriott of Elizabeth Hasselhurst and to Katherine one other daughter of the said Wittm one heffer styrke Unto Edmunde Manwaringe my younger sonne my det^r &c. beinge discharged all the residue of my good^e and all leces [leases] tackes tythes and tearme of yeares whatso^y Ifm [it] ys my desire that my sonne Edmunde shall make unto my sonne Randle two se^vall offers touchinge the lease of the tythes of Pe^v the first whether he will geve unto the said Edmund three hundreth pound^e to be paid in three yeares wherof the first payment to beginne at or before the nativitie of o^r Lorde God next ensuinge the date herof and so yearlye one hundreth pound^e untill the some of three hundreth pound^e be fullye paid and so the said Randle to enioye the whole lease answeringe the rent reserved upon the same or els to take his owne tythes growinge upon his ancient demeane land^e of Pe^v answeringe for the same unto the said Edmunde and his assignes yearlye duringe the said leasee the some of iiij^{li} xij^s vj^d I will that my sonne Edmunde

shall haue my mansion house comenlie called the Springe wth all buildinge gardens lande &c. therto belonginge in suche man^r as is conteyned in one deed indented bearinge date the 20 May 21 Eliz. Also in respect of the good will w^{ch} I haue alwaies borne unto my sonne Randle and wishinge likwaies amitie and love to continue betwixt my two sonnes to the comfort of ther frende and welwillers I will and require my said sonne Randle to suffer his brother Edmund and his assignes to occupie the barne w^{ch} I latlie builded upon a porcion of grounde w^{ch} I exchanged wth a tennte of his and the stable w^{ch} I builded upon the wast duringe suche tearme as I haue granted unto the said Edmund the residue of my housinge and lande therunto adioyninge Unto my sonne Randle all my beddinge w^{ch} I latlye lent unto my daughter in lawe his wief w^{ch} nowe is in her owne custodie To the poore housholders wthin the p^{ar}ishe of O^{ur} Pe^{er} either of them one tollope of barlye I doe ordeyne &c. my dearlye beloved sonne Edmund M. and my lovinge cosine Thomas Starkye my executors requiering my wellebeloved sonne Randle M. and my lovinge brother Laurance Leicester to be o^useers &c. In wittnesse &c. I the said Anne haue putt to my hande and seale &c. Witnesses Phillipe Manwaringe W^{it}tn Barnshall Thomas Newall wth others.

THE WILL OF SIR GEORGE GREGORY,
PRIEST.

IN dei noīe amen 5 April 1548 I S^r George Gregore of Rossan-
daile wthin the com. of Lan^{cs} p^{re}st sycke in boddye &c. To be
buryd in y^e parysh church yorde of Haslyngden My dettes taykyne
uppe and payde and my bodye extynegueshed honestly wayket
broughfurth and buryd I bewethe to S^r Hen^{ry} Romsbothm p^{re}st to

pray devoutly for the salvatyon of my saylle and all xpiane saylles
 iij^s iiij^d To John Pycoppe the soñe of John Pycoppe one horse
 foolle Also to John Pycoppe hỹ selphe and Elloñ hĩz wyffe one
 mattesse and too of my best cov̄lettes To S^r Thoms Holden p̄st and
 Ry²d Gregorye my brother all my pt of thos yves wych standyne
 att the Wolfenden Bothe w^t Edmuñ Horsworth To John Nuttow
 all my pt of thos yves wych standyne w^t hỹ and vij^s vj^d of money
 wych is in hỹ hande To the wyffe of Robt Durden one holde
 blacke cov̄lett To John Gregorye my brother one holde payre of
 blacke hoosse and one holde jackett To George Durden one leyther
 doblet To the sayd S^r Thom̄s Holden one holde blacke clooke To
 Agnes Harppē yf my dettez be recovyde iij^s iiij^d To iiij^s schyldⁿ of
 the afore sayd John Pycoppe echon xij^d To the sedenayse chappell
 in Rossendayle that the decæz [?] y^l of may be bett uphuldyne and
 my saylle prayde fore y^l for ev̄ iij^s iiij^d ffynally what so ev̄ remay-
 nyth of my gudde &c. I bewethe it to y^e sayd S^r Thoms Holden p̄st
 John Nuttow yemā and Ry²d Gregorye my brother to take the
 paynes to be my executo^{rs} In wyttenez whereof to thes p̄sentes I
 have s̄scribed my name the day and yere above rehersed Thez
 wyttenez S^r Thom̄s Holden curet Ry²d Harppē Oly^v Holt Edmūd
 Pycoppe and John Pycoppe. S^r George Gregorye +

Hec sunt debita quæ ego debeo The schappell of Rossendayle
 xij^s iiij^d Edmūd Pycoppe xij^s iiij^d Hec sunt debita quæ mihi
 debent^r John alias Jenkyne Lord xxx^s Perys Hey v^s S^r Ry²d
 Mychell p̄st iij^s iiij^d Elle Holt ij^s Henr̄ Hey xvij^d Refeta John
 Buttworth xij^d The chapell ryves of Rossondayle iij^s wat^s
 wayges y^t is to say Wylyh^m Hasworth viij^s iiij^d John Nuttow ix^d
 Alexand^r Haworth viij^s iiij^d John Tat^sall viij^s vj^d ob Ry^c Wytte-
 worth vij^s x^d ob Xpof^l Brygche vij^s x^d ob

The Invetorye of the gud of S^r George Gregorye p̄st p̄sed w^t
 Alexand^r Haworth John Tat^sall Thurston Bertwyssell and John

Pycoppe In p^rmis one foole x^s — vij yardez of carssay ix^s iiij^d —
 iij covlettez iij^s vj^d — one mattresse ij^s — one holde gawne ij^s viij^d —
 one holde clooke ij^s — one leyther dublet xx^d — ij holde jackettez
 iij^s iiij^d — ij holde cappez xvj^d — one holde sacke vj^d — ij yves vj^s
 viij^d — one holde saddell vj^d

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MASOY OF
 RIXTON, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. the 18 Maye 15[38] 30 Henry 8 wyttnes that I
 Wylyyam [Masoy of Rixton] esquier in the parish of Werȳton
 wythin the contye of Lancaster sycke in my body &c. To bee beryte
 in Ryxton Chapell wthin y^e p^aressh chyrch afor sayd I beqwethe
 to the hee auter of Werȳton one heffer inn recūpens of all my
 theythyds and owther deutys neleg^ttely forgeyten yf the pson wyl
 sowe accept the sayd pson to haue as the lawe wyll gyff
 hym To my executorrs viij ponde to the yuse of a pryst for ij yerē
 to praye for my sowle and all kyrsteyne sowls I wyll that my fowr
 executorē haue ychyn of them a blacke garment and Thomasse
 Ayston my son in lay Robert Massy Thomasse Tayleer Jhamy Coke
 Wylyyam Coldalle Jhon Clarke my servantē of them a
 blacke jhakēt to praye for my sowle and all kyrstyn sowllē I wyll
 that my broder Ha[mnet] haue a stagge and my broder Jhamys my
 baye stagge and my broder Rychard on geldyngē To Elyn Ayston
 for hyr paynys takyng v^{os} To Jhon Foxe iij^{os} iiij^d To Aston
 Chapell to mayntene Goddē servyse ther and to the chapel
 of the Holyne Grene on calfe to mayntene Goddys servyse ther To
 my moder my whyte geldyng and a heffur therw^t to kepe upe ther in

¹ No date of probate.

the chapel of Stretton afore y^e ymage of syne [Saint] Saviour iij syrgys
 sow long as the stocke wyl indure To Thomasse Tayler my grene
 jhakete and my whyte festaen dowbelet I wyll my fadur Starkye y^e
 pson of Werberton and my broder Jhamys byllys of S^r Wylliam
 Massy prest and Thomasse Tayler and recū w^t them and se that the
 be recūpensyd what sowe^v I am be hynd w^t them To my sayd son
 in lay and to hys wyf ij kye and y^e best flocke bed in the hosse
 [house] w^t ij covlette ij blanket a bolster and a payre of shetyes and
 x bochell of bar[ley] and x of owte I wyll that Wylliam Coldall
 [have] my whyt howrse and that Thomass Tayller haue my bocler
 [buckler] I wyll that Jhonn Massy my soñ haue my blacke
 ambellyng colte and Thomasse my sone my sworde I make my
 executer^r my fader Starkye the pson of Werberton my broder
 Jhamys S^r Wylliam Massye I wyll that my sayd executer^r for
 there paynys takyng haue ychyn of thē xx^s I wyll that all my
 other gudys be devydyt among^r my wyfe Jhon Massy Thomas M.
 my sonnys Ane M. and Mergret M. my dorthers acording after
 the corse and forme of the laye [law] I hertely desyre my wellbe-
 loured frynde Wylliam Rattlyff of Urdsall [Ordsall] son and ayre
 aparente of Sir Alysander Ratlyf Knyght and Jhonn Aston of
 Aston son and ayre of Thomas Aston of Aston swyer^r to be o^vsear^r
 In wyttnes wherof I the sayd Wylliam Massye eswyer to this my
 last wyll haue set to my seyllle Thyse beyng wyttnes Rychard
 Starkye my broder Hamet Massye Wylliam Peket chapplayn
 Jhon Lawe prest Perys Penkesmā w^t other The daye and yer
 above wryten.

THE WILL OF JAMES GRENEHALGHE, GENT.¹

IN Dei noīe amen 19 Marcii 1523 [1523-4] Ego Jacobus Grenehalghe gent compos mentis &c. Lego aiām &c. corpus-que meū ad sepeliend in ecclia sive cancello de Bury Lego opti^m aiāl meum noīe mortuarii mei pdecimis oblacoīnb; seu aliis quibus cumque p me neclegent² fact et omis. I bequeythe as moche of my goodē to a pste to seng iij trentalls oon trentall ffor my father sawill and other for my mother sawill the iij^d for my sawill and my wife Annes I giffe the gude will of my tenamente that I dwell in to my wife Mergett as longe as schoo kepē hur wedo to bryng up her schildur w^t all and also of Bury Mylne in like case if itt please my lorde³ to suffur theym to haue theym like as other tennādē of the same lordschip has theyrs And if scho take anny husbande aft^r my decesse thenn I giffe my gude will unto Thomas my sonne I will y^t myne executors do li^v a boxe of evidens to the gud man of Brandilishohm y^t I hade in ane arke y^t I lost the keys of qwen I li^vit his heyvydens to hym and durst not schowe h^y of the^y for anguryng hym aft^r lest he scholde haue thocht it hade benne for some other cawse Residuum v^o omū bono^r meo^r do et lego Margaretæ uxī meæ et Thomæ filio Elanæ et Johanæ fit meis quos Margaretā uxē meā et Tomā filiū meū ordino et constituo meos executores I orden if [it] will please my gude Maister Alexander Ratklyffe knyght and Rič Smethe³ klyrke pson of Bury to be supvisers In wittenes heroff I haue setto my seall Theys wittenes Rog³ Holtt Bertylmew Holtt John Halle psts Lau^r Qwethede⁴ and Thomas Qwethede and other.

Jamys Grenehalghe.

¹ No date of probate.² The Earl of Derby, the manerial lord of Bury.³ An active Rector, the founder of a chantry in his church, and styled one of the Pope's pardoners in Lancashire. — *Lanc. MSS.*⁴ Whitehead of Field House in the parish of Bury, an old family of lesser gentry.

THE WILL OF HENRY HAMER OF HAMER,
YEOMAN.¹

IN the name &c. 18 Januarye 1572 [1572-3] I Henrye Hamer of Hamer in the countye of Lan^c yoman sycke in bodye &c. To be buried in the churche or churche yorde of Rachdale or els where y^t shall please God to apoynte All my goode cattelle and dettē shall be equallye into three ptē devydyd whereof my wyfe Alys Hamer shall haue one pte and Gyles Hamer my younger son shall haue one o^y pte And the thyrde pte I gyve in maⁿ hereaft^r ensuyngē To evy chylde w^{ch} I ham grandfather unto evy one of them xij^d To evy chylde w^{ch} I ham godfather unto evy one of them vj^d To Robert Clerke my s^rvande vj^s viij^d To Hughe Hill my s^rvande xij^d To Agnes Hamer my s^rvande xij^s iiij^d To Jane Holt my s^rvande xij^d To the wyfe of Edmūd Heywarde iij^s iiij^d To Charles Hamer xx^d To Agnes Wordyll ij^s To the wyfe of Edmde Wordyll ij^s To Gyles Hamer th'elder vj^s viij^d To evy chylde w^{ch} the sayd Gyles shall have at the dey of my deathe evy of them vj^d To Caternyn Hamer vj^s viij^d To the wyfe of John Scholfeld x^s To Edmde Haworthe and Randull Haworthe whom I

¹ Proved May 12th, 1573. It may be assumed that the testator was a very aged man at his death, as in a letter to the Chancellor, dated Rochdale 1573, the Rev. Richard Midgley, the Vicar, stated that "Alice Hamer of Hamer the relict was unable to travel to the Court at Chester to prove the will, being of the great age of 88 years and encompassed with sondrie infirmitie," and therefore the will was sent by her "lovinge friends" James Halliwell of Eales and James Marland of Marland. — *Lanc. MSS.* The testator was the head of a family possessed of feudal estates in Hamer in the 14th century which descended to his lineal representative James Hamer Esq., a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Lancaster, who alienated them in 1809 to John Entwisle of Foxholes Esq. Mr. Hamer died in Liverpool in 1838, leaving male issue surviving. The present large and handsome hall is said to have been re-built about 1750 by Mrs. Hamer, sister of Sir Henry Ibbotson of Denton Park Bart.

ham grandfather eyⁿ of them xx^s To Jane the wyfe of Arther Buckeley xx^s To Agnes the wyfe of Tho^ms Redferne xii^s iiij^d To Gedete Hamer xxxii^s iiij^d To the repatyon of Hamer mylne brydge and Heybrocke brydge ii^s iiij^d to be bestowed at the dyscretyon of my son Elys Hamer To my sayd son Elys Hamer one mucke weyne wth leaves one plowe one harowe wth tethe [teeth] in one yoke one peyre of clevis [?] ij greate bourde standinge wth in the howse at Hamer one cofer w^{ch} hathe the evydence in one stone trowghe and one garner to contynue as ij herelomes and all my tythe corne and greyne yerlye growynge upon my demayne of Hamer Dowryehye and Wylrode paynge yerlye for the same the rente of ii^s v^d to John Byron esquier or hys e^xrs pyvyd always that the sayd Elys H. shall imedyatle aft^r my decesse paye for the same tythe unto my seyde executors the s^ume of xxx^s To Gyles Hamer my son one of the three arke in the bower w^{ch} he wyll chuse and th^elder saltynge keyre I gyve the o^yn saltynge keyre unto Arthure Buckeley my son in lawe All my yron ware belongynge to husbandrye to Gyles Hamer my son and Arther Buckeley my son in law equallye to be devydyd betwene them To Alys my wyfe the beste fetherbed wth bolster the beste covlett ij beste shet^e and ij beste blankett^e The reste of my pte of goode I frelye gyve &c. them unto Alys my seyde wyfe and Arther Buckeley my son in law equally to be devydid betwene them I ordeyne my welbeloved wyfe Alys Hamer and Gyles H. my sayd son my executors I also desyre my sayd son Elys H. and my god son Robert Entwysyll to assyste my seyde executors as o^vseers In p^sens &c. Wyllm Asheton John Holt Robert Haworthe hyll Edm^de Butt^rworthe Robert Entwysyll wth others.

THE WILL OF ANNE MORE OF LIVERPOOL,
WIDOW.¹

[THE early part of the will is quite decayed.] My bodie to be buried wthin y^e parishe churche the said countie at the discretion of my executor I geve unto my sonne Wiłm More of y^e Banck Howse aforesaid esquier my best sylver salte gilte the w^{ch} at this p^{nt}e remaineth in his owne custodie and possession one sylver cupp gilte wth a cover called a smale drinkege cuppe one paire of greate racke of iron sixe silver spoones with the apostles on the ende thereof To my sonne in lawe John Crosse Esquiere one yoke of draughte oxen viz. the beste yoke save one a corne waine with shod wheeles one paire of broad flaxen sheete twoe of my best pillowbeares, ffyve curtaines of sylke of colours yelow and redde, and one cupbord cloth of stained worke To my sonne in lawe Nicholas ffazakerley gen^t my best ffether bedd and y^e bolster to the same one standinge bedd and a wheelebed in y^e parlor where I was accustomed to lye with ffyve sylke curtaines to the same of colors redd and grene my best caddowe my best coveringe one flatt bowle of silver wth a cover to the same my best mantle one basin and a ewer of pewter one London pottell pottle of pewter my best chafyng dish and my best table carpett To my sonne Robert M. gen^t my best eat sylver cupp gilte and the cover to the same a sylver salte wth a cover percell gylte one dozen of sylver spoones wth knepp^e at the ende thereof fower whereof are in the custodie of his wyffe To my sonne James M. one sylver pece called y^e pounced

¹ Proved 7th February, 1589 [1589-90]. Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Hawarden of Chester, married John More of Bank Hall Esq., by whom she had five sons and two daughters, William (ancestor of Colonel John More, governor of Liverpool for the parliament), James, Thomas, Robert, Anthony, Alys and Mary. — *Add. MSS.* British Museum 12,477 p. 27.

pece one silver salte percell gilte wthoute a cover and sixe sylver spoones To my sonne Anthonie M. a flatt boule of sylver wthoute a cover and sixe sylver spoones To Roberte ffazakerley sonne to my said son in lawe Nicholas ff. one sylver spoone wth y^e appostle on the ende thereof Nevertheles my will is y^t M^r Robert ff. his graund-father shall haue y^e use and possession thereof duringe his naturall lyffe And to the said Robert ff. y^e yonger one colte which he shall make choise of To Anne M. daughter of my said sonne Anthonie ffyve pounde and one sylver spoone wth a maidens heade on the ende and my sonne Wiffm M. and my son in lawe John Crosse shall putt forth the said sume of ffyve pounde to y^e most proffete of the said Anne untill shee shall come to lawfull age To my cosin John More sonne and heire apparente to my said sonne Wiffm M. one brewinge panne in a corbe in y^e brewhowse a brewinge cownbe to the same and the stonne trogh thereunto belonginge one other stonne trogh for y^e use of swyne meate wth one kneydinge turnell And all the bord^e in y^e kitchen mylkehowse and larder all the sylinge and wainescott in the hall and plor wth all the hanginge in the plor one cupborde in the buttrie viz. that cupborde w^{ch} standeth at the upper ende there wth all shooves in the same buttrie shall remaine to the onelie use of the said John M. his executore &c. To my three servaunte John Wiffmsonn Anne his wyf and Robert Bolton to everie one of theim twentie shillinge To the same Anne wyffe to the said John Wiffmsonn one brasse pottle called the gallon pottle fflower pewter dishes of those that are occupied in the howse one paire of towheard sheete one whyte blanquett of my owne makinge and one litle bolster lyinge wth me in pawne for twoe shillinge or els twoe shillinge in money To Anne Walker daughter of Wiffm Walker deceased mye god daughter nowe beinge my servante maide one yonge heffer to goe forward with her To Margaret Cooke my servante maide one brasse pottle w^{ch} was her ffathers lyinge to me in pawne for tenne shillinge or els tenne shillinge in

money Yt is my will y^t the sūme of eighte pounde three shillinge foure pence owinge to Katherin Bavand widowe by me shalbe paide I geve &c. to be distributed amonge the poore people of Lyverpoole the sūme of twentie sixe shillinge eight pence either in money or at the discreation of my executor^e All the rest of my good^e &c. I geve to my three yonger sonnes to wete Roberte M. James M. and Anthony M. equallie to be devided amongeste theim I make my sonne Roberte M. and my son in lawe Nicholas ffazakerley¹ my executor^e And to be supervisors of the same I desyre my sonne Wiilm M. and my sonne in lawe John Crosse In wytnes &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN CHARNOCKE OF
FARINGTON, GENT.²

IN the name &c. 2 Nov. 1571 I John Charnocke of ffarrington in the countye of Lancaster gent of good and pfecte mynde &c. My bodye to be buryed in the churche yarde of Leylond at the chauncell end nere unto the place where the bodyes of my ffather and mother were buryed or in suche other place where yt shall please God to take me owte of this worlde unto his m^yce I gyve unto Jahne my wief all my landes tenement^e &c. in ffulwood w^{ch} I latelye purchased of my late M^r S^r Antonye Broune Knight decessed

¹ Nicholas ffazakerley of ffazakerley Esq. married Mary, and John Crosse of Liverpool Esq. Alice, daughters of the testatrix.

² Proved April, 1574. Richard Charnock of Charnock gent. married first Isabel, daughter of William (Nicholas, *Harl. MSS.* 1437) Clayton of Leyland, by whom he had William his son and heir, *John the testator*, Anne married first Edmund Sergeant and secondly Robert Barker, Jenet wife of Christopher Gradwell, and Cicely the wife of William Gradwell of Euxton. — Visitation in Chetham's Library. Richard Charnock married secondly Agnes, daughter of William Fletcher of Samlesbury, and had issue Roger and Alice, who married John Sumner of Ulneswalton. — *Harl. MSS.* 890, fo. 75 b.

nowe in [my] tenure and my tenement in ffarrington w^{ch} I latelye purchased of S^r Tho^ms Hesketh Knight nowe in the tenure of me the sayd John and the wief of Nycholas Hodson and all those pcells of land called Conylache als Comylache in Leylond w^{ch} I latelye purchased of the sayd S^r Antonye Broune and twoo acres of medowe in Leylond w^{ch} I latelye purchased of the sayd S^r Tho^ms H. Knight and that teⁿte in Ulneswalton nowe in the tenure of the wief of Tho^ms Graydell and X^pofer Graydell her son w^{ch} I latelye purchased of my sayd late M^r Antonye Broune and all my pte of the turbarye of Penworthame called Penworthame Mosse w^{ch} I latelye purchased of S^r Tho^ms Gerrarde Knyght and my tenement called Myddlewood in Acton als Aughton in [my] tenure and my copiholde landes in Penworthame in the tenure of Rauf Werdon w^{ch} I purchased of Tho^ms Serieant And I gyve &c. unto Jakne my wief all my landes tenement^e &c. in ffulwood Penwortham ffarrington Leylond Ulneswalton Croston and Acton als Aughton or ells where wthin the countye of Lancaster during [her] naturall lyef And after the decesse of the sayd Jakne my wief I gyve &c. all my sayd landes and tenement^e in ffulwood unto Wi^llm Charnocke my brothers son and his heyres for e^v I gyve all my tenem^t called Middlewood after the decesse [as before] unto Roger Charnocke my brother his heyres for e^v And I gyve my tenement in Ulneswalton after [as before] unto Wi^llm Graydell my nevewe son unto X^pofer Graydell his heyres for e^v I gyve th'one half of all the pcell^e of land called Conylache als Comylache and th'al^f of those twoo acres of medowe w^{ch} I latelye purchased of the sayd S^r Tho^ms Heskethe in Leylond after [as before] unto John Sumpner my brother in lawe and Alys his wief during theyr lyves I gyve all my sayd copyholde landes in Penwortham in the tenure of the sayd Rauf Werdon after &c. unto Alys Kytchyn wief to Barnabe K. gent. and late wief to Wi^llm fforshay gent. decessed and to John fforshay my godson son and heyre apparent of the sayd Wi^llm and

to the longer lyver of them I gyve all my pte of the turbarye of Penwortham after &c. unto Robt Charnocke of Asteley esquier and to [his] heires males The reaydue of all my sayd landes tenement &c. I gyve unto Thom̃s C. my newew son and heyre apparent of Wifm C. my brother decessed and to [his] heyres males I gyve unto the poore in Leylond pyshe xx^{li} and to the poore in Croston pyshe xx^{li} the same to be dystributed in syxe yeres on eṽye Pashon Sonday in eyther of the sayd pysches ij^{li} vj^s viij^d To the repaçõs of the churche of Croston ij^{li} vj^s viij^d And to the churche of Leylond xx^s To Wifm C. my brothers son toward̃ his exhibiçõn to man- teyne hym in his service xx^{li} To Wifm Graydell my newew other xx^{li} And further I gyve to the sayd Wifm C. and Wifm G. yerelye duryng the lyef of Jahne my wyf eyther of them xx^s To Roger Ch. my brother x^{li} and xx^s yerelye during the lyef of Jahne my wief To Richard Shawe my ser̃vnnte one annuytye of vj^s viij^d to be payd hym yerelye during his naturall lyef oute of my tẽnte in ffarington in the tenure of the wief of Nicholas Hodson To Anne Cyslye and Elysabeth my ser̃vnnte women eṽye one x^{li} To Wifm Mondewe x^{li} To Wifm Exton x^{li} and to Adam Mondewe x^{li} To Gefraye Pemerton xx^s To Jahne Graydell x^{li} To Raut Exton xx^s To the wief of Xp̃ofer Graydell my sister the wief of Wifm Graydell my sister and to Margaret my sister the wief of John Sumpner my sister and the wief of Wifm Chernocke my sister in lawe eṽye one of them one olde angell and to eṽye one of theyr children ij^s a pese To Peter Chernocke my godson xx^s and to eṽye one of my godchildren ij^s a pese To young M^r Worsley and his wief eyther a gold ring for a remembrũce To my cosen Alys fforshay one ring of golde blacke enamyled To Thom̃s Charnocke my newew one yocke of steres and xx^s yerelye to be payd oute of Penwortham Mosse during my wyf̃e lyef yf the sayd Thom̃s be frendlye to my sayd wief To my cosen M^r Robt Charnocke my best gelding and my bruche of golde and also my best sylver drinking cuppe w^{ch}

cuppe to be delyv^d at the decesse of my wief unto the sayd Robt or unto his eldest son to remayne at Asteley for an heylome for ever and to my cosen his wief one ring of golde The revsion of all my goodē and chattallē my funerall expensis and debte dyscharged I gyve to Jahne my wief After the decesse of Jahne my wief Wifm Graydell to have the lease of Clayton demayne w^{ch} I and my wief doe holde by lease of my worshippfull Mr Mr Edmunde Huddleston esquier and his wief To my sayd Mr and M^{rs} to eyther of them foure olde ryalls of golde, desyring them bothe to be frendlye unto my wief and to all my poore frendē as nede shall requyre I constitute &c. Jahne my wief my executryxe I desyre the right worshippfull S^r Tho^{ms} Hesketh Knight and my veraye assured trustye frend Mr Robt Chernocke of Asteley esquier to be supvysors hereof And to the sayd S^r Tho^{ms} Hesketh I doe gyve three olde ryalls of golde for a small &c. In wytnes &c. by me John Charnoke.

[The signature autograph. No witnesses.]

THE WILL OF JOHN TALBOT OF WHALLEY, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 30 Aprill 1594 I John Talbotte of Whalley gentleman sicke in bodie &c. To be buried in the parishe church of Whalley I give unto my cosine M^r Thomas Talbotte of Bashall in the countie of Yorke esquier all interest &c. which I have in the Greate Barne the Gylle Close the Great Toftes the Milne Ynges and the Springe in Swinden in Craven in the countie of Yorke pcell of the inheritance of the said Thomas T. [and] all

¹ Proved Dec. 12, 1594. John Talbot gent of the Inner Temple, London, was a natural son of Thomas Talbot of Bashall Esq. — Whitaker's *Craven*, p. 24.

leasses and writinge touchinge the premisses To Elizabeth the my wiffe and to her assignes my lease ffarminge housses and growndes whiche I haue by lease of M^r Iustice Walmysley in Billington and Wilpshire laite the inheritaunce of one Richard Cunliffe To James Ashtone of Chadderton esquire my sonne in lawe and to Anne my daughter nowe wiffe unto the said James twoe leasses whiche I haue of two messuag^e and teñt^e &c. in Bashall whiche I haue by the demisse of my said cosine M^r Thomas T. the one of them laite in tenure &c. of one Alexander Parker commonlie called the Rishey at^s Horsey and th'other of them in the tenure &c. of one Martine Coult-hurste To my said cosine M^r Thomas T. of Bashall x^{li} to th'intente that the said T. T. shall cause to be maid one silver bowle gilded for the use of the said T. T. and my cosine his wiffe To M^r Justice Walmysley xx^s and to his bedfelowe and M^r Thomas his sonne eyther of them x^s To M^r Ralphe Ashton of Whalley esquire and his wiffe eyther of them x^s To M^r Wifm ffarington¹ esquire my brother in lawe and my sister his wiffe and their three sonnes everie one of them x^s To M^r Robt Holden of Holden esquire x^s To my brother in lawe John Pker of Extwissill² xl^s and unto Richard Crombocke sonne of Wifm C. my godsonne xx^s And to John Crombocke sonne of Richard C. laite of Wiswall my godsonne xx^s To my cosine Elline Langtree x^s To M^r Thomas Hartegreave of Chadderton a paire of blacke satine hose and to M^r Wifm Ashton servante there a paire of tur taffitie hose To Thomas Skofeild a paire of newe buffe hose and to Wifm Willson servant to the said James Ashton a newe cloke which I laste maid I give to Locke the horse keep my white cloke and to Henrie Blackeborne my raper and to Banckes my daggar To John Smithe my quiver and all my

¹ For an interesting life of this remarkable man see Canon Raines's Introduction to *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. Chetham series.

² The want of a good pedigree of this old and well connected family, now represented by Robert Townley Parker Esq. of Extwisle and Cuerden, is much to be regretted.

arrowes and to Mr Richard Ashton of Downhame my steele bowe
To my sister Aspden xx^s To John Leighe and Jenete Cooke
servant^e to Mr Ralphe Ashton aforesaid either of them v^s To
Robte Etaughe my servant xl^s and to Agnes Yngham my maid-
servant x^s and to Thomas Chidde my servant x^s and Wifm Pettie
my beste blacke cloke To Wifm Crombocke of Clerkhill my
Skottishe daggar To Elizabethhe nowe my wiffe all such gold silver
coyne plaite howsholde stuffe horses one cowe with all such beddinge
linnen arkes chist^e &c. as I haue prouided for houskeepinge Also
where dyvers psons haue borrowed dyvers somes of money of mee as
doth appere by theirre bonndes yt is my will that in evy obligacōn
that the some ys xxij^{li} I doe give to the debtor the odde xl^s and in
everie obligacōn that is xj^{li} I doe give to the debtor the odde xx^s
and soe in everie other obligacōn being lesser some after the same
rate upon condicōn that all such debtors shall pay theirre money at
theirre dayes and they that will not paie the money at theirre daye
shall lose the benefite of my gifte To James Ashton of Chadderton
my sonne in lawe and to Anne my daughter his wiffe the residewe
of all debt^e by bill or bonnd as ys owing unto me Whereas I haue
paied him greate somes of money as he and I did agree upon wth
my daughter in mariage I trust he will augement her ffeoffment
consideringe what I give him as he will answere me in another
worlde To Elizabethhe my wiffe my lease of the tythe corne of Cun-
liffe The resydewe of all my goodes I give &c. unto Elizabethhe my
wiffe I ordaine &c. Thomas Talbotte esquire my cosine and my
brother in lawe John Pker of Extwissell my executors Witnesses
Robte Osbaldeston &c.

THE WILL OF EDWARD HALSALL OF HALSALL ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 27 April 1594 Be yt knowen to all men that I Edward Halsall of Halsall in the countie of Lanč esquier make this my last will &c. ffyrst I comytt my self whollie to the mercie of Almightye Godd by whoise grace I trust to die a member of his Catholyke churchē And my will is that my bodie be beryed (yf yt convenientlie may be) in the pisshe churchē or chauncell of Halsall wishinge (although yt maye seme but a vanitie) that suche ptes of the bodie of Ursula my late wief and of Richard H. my sonne as shall then remayne unconsumed maye be taken owt of the pisshe churchē of Prescott where they were buryed and layd in grave withe me where also I am verye desirous to haue Anne nowe my wief (when Godd shall call for her) lykewise to lie yf yt may so stand with Goddē pleasure to the ende that wee may altogether joyfullie ryse at the last daye to live as my hope is wee shall with Christ our Lord evlastinglie in his glorious kyngdome I give to my god son Maister Henrye Stanley² his sonne on angell of gold And to Maistres Dorythie his suster wief of my cosyn Cuthbert

¹ Proved June 6th, 1594. Edward Halsall, Esq., though not mentioned in the Visitation of 1567, was a younger son of Sir Henry Halsall of Halsall Knight by Margaret, daughter of James Stanley. See his brother's will pp. 85-87 *supra*. He was Recorder of Liverpool in 1572, was Mayor of the same town in the years 1579 and 1586, and died in 1593, æt 76. — Gregson's *Fragments*, second edition, p. *221. The testator married first Ursula, daughter of by whom he had a son Richard, who died before his father, and secondly Anne, daughter of Mr. Foulke Dutton of Chester, and widow of John Webster, Alderman of Chester, and had no issue by her. He was succeeded in the Halsall estates by Mr. Cuthbert Halsall, afterwards Sir Cuthbert Halsall Knight.

² Henry Stanley Esq., natural son of Henry Earl of Derby, ancestor of the Stanleys of Broughton Hall, near Manchester.

Halsall one other angell To my welbeloved dowghter in lawe Anne Leche late wief to Maister Robt Leche¹ doctor of lawe and late chauncelor of Chester one angell of gold To my godson Edward Leche sonne of the said M^r Robt L. xl^s And to Thomas L. Robert L. and Withm L. his bretherne evy of theym x^s in gold or sylver To Anne Leche doughter of the said M^r Robt L. in consideraçon of her servisable attendaunce upon me twentie pounde towarde her pferment in mariage yf she be not maryed before my deceasse and yf she be then one angell of gold as a remembrance of my gudd will towarde her To Alice Leche one other dowghter of the said Robt L. xx^s To Thomas Eccleston sonne of my cosyn Thomas Eccleston of Eccleston nere Knowseley esquier deceased the some of vij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d so that he will accept the same in full recompense and satisfacõ of suche porcõ of goodde as came (as he ptendeth) to my hande after the deathe of his said father as his reasonable porcõ or childe pte of goodes whiche said some (all thinge betwene us accompted and allowed) dothe in my conscience farr excede the value of the remayne of goodde by me supposed to be receyvid To my welbeloved cosyn Henry Eccleston of Eccleston esquier one fatt oxse To Thomas Foxse and John Halsall my servant either of theym one of my geldinge at the discrecõ of myne executors and to either of their wief one angell of gold To my suster Grace Coney xx^s to bestowe upon some thinge at her pleasure as a remembrance of me Myne executor shall bestowe upon my godson

¹ Robert Leche LL.D., Chancellor of Chester in 1662, was second son of George Leche, Alderman of Chester, second son of John Leche of Carden Esq. by Margaret, daughter and heiress of John (George) Manwaring of Ightfield, and was buried at Malpas 5th November 1587. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 87, vol. ii. p. 207. The Chancellor married Anne, daughter and heiress of John Webster, Alderman of Chester by Anne, daughter of Foulke Dutton of Chester, by whom he had issue Sir Edward Leche of Shipley, Thomas, Robert and William, Anne wife of Robert Moore of Liverpool, and Alice who married John Brettargh of Brettargh Holt. — *Harl. MSS.* 2119, fol. 97.

Edward Heskeyne one heffer calf of one yere old and upon evy other my godsonnes xij^d saving to Edward Halsall sonne of my cosyn Gylbt Halsall and to Edward Foxxe sonne of the said Thomas Foxxe to either of whom I give one crowne of gold or fyve shillinge in silver at the discrecion of myne executor To evy of my howsehold servant^e waringe my liverye at the tyme of my decesse iij^s iiij^d And to evy other my servant^e xij^d beside their wages To my cosyn Cuthbert Halsall (who is to succede me in the howse of Halsall) all my booke of what sort so ev^y the same be to remayne in save keping in the said howse to the use of the ownours thereof and of their children apt to the studie of the comon lawe of this realme or to other lernynge as a memoriall of the good will w^{ch} I do beare (as I am bounden) toward^e the said howse The residewe of all my good^e &c. I give to my welbeloved wief Anne Halsall And for as muche as my howse in Eccleston afforesaid their buylded to my great charg^e shuld upon a sooden after my decesse be utterlie dispoyled and all together left naked and bare of suche implement^e of howsehold as I have with some coost^e pvided for the furniture thereof my will therefore further is that my said frend^e of trust Henry Eccleston esquier¹ Thomas Foxxe and John Halsall my servant^e shall suffer my said wief to use all the ambres cupbord^e leades &c. in my said howse at Eccleston for her naturall lief and after her decesse suche other pson as shall then be ownour of the said howse by the lymytacion of certen other conveyance by me made concnyng^e my land^e and tent^e in Eccleston Sutton and Ditton and so there to remayne as heire lomes from tyme to tyme so longe as the same shall last After my debtes and legacies shalbe fullie discharged all the rest of the goodes and cattall^e [except] suche tymber in Halsall and Eccleston and in Wyndle whiche at the tyme of my decesse shall

¹ Henry Eccleston, grandson of John Eccleston of Eccleston Esq. by Katherine, daughter of Sir Henry Halsall Knight, and sister of the testator. — *Suffield MSS.*

remayne unwrought shall be devided into twoe equall ptes and that my said frendē of trust shall dely^v the one of the said ptes so devided to my said wief at her choice to use and bestowe at her pleasure The other moytie of the said goodes and cattallē to be likewyse devided into twoe other equall ptes and that my said frendē of trust shall as a monument of my gud will towardē my said wief dely^v the one pte thereof to her at her choice to use at her pleasure upon hope that she will stand gudd aunte to my servant Thomas Dutton her cosyn to whom I do onelie give the some of iij^{li} vj^s viij^d upon trust that she will extend her gudnes further towardē hym then the value of so small a legacie My said ffrendē shall bestowe so moche of the other pte of the said goodes and of the tymber before excepted as shall suffice for the fynishing of the buildinge of the schole howse at Halsall whiche I have beggunne to erect and sett upe there And to the ende that the evidences and wrytingē towchingē my landē and tentē appoynted to certen uses by me made maye be savelie kept and p^rserved my will is that my said wief who is to enioye the said landē and tentē ymediatlye after my decesse shall have the kepinge of the said evidences and wrytingē for defence of her estate and by her to be left to my said cosyn Henry Eccleston and to the heires males of his bodie lawfullie begotten for defence of their estate in the said landē and tentē duringe the contynuaunce of their estate therein And to the entent it maye be knowen what poelle of evidencē are to be demanded in that behalfe I meane Godd willing to cause true copies or brief notes thereof to be wryt into a booke to be subscriybed with my hand and name and the same to leave in the custodie of the lordē of the manor of Halsall in savetie amongst their evidencē in the mansion howse comonlye called the hall of Halsall so that they who shall be enforced to use suche suyte may have accesse thereunto when occasion shall require I make my said wief Anne H. myne executrix and my said trustie and faithfull cosyn Henry Eccleston esquier and my said servantē Thomas ffoxse

and John Halsall supvisours thereof If my said wief do refuse to take upon her the pformance of this my will then I make my said servant John Halsall executor of the same In wittines &c.

THE WILL OF ALICE PENDLETON, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. the (*sic*) daye of (*sic*) 1588 I Alyce Pendylton widowe late wyffe of George P. late of Manchester draper beinge in good health &c. I comytt my bodye to christian buriall in the chappell called Jesus chappell within the parishe church of Manchest^r as neare unto my late husbnde as may be or els where yt shall please God to appoynte I give unto my sonne in lawe Mr. John Croxton² and to my daught^r Cicelye his wyffe one hundreth poundes in money betwixte theym Unto George Croxton Geoffrey C. and Suzanna C. three of the children of the saide John C. begotten of y^e bodie of my saide daughter Cycelie threescore poundes equallye to be devided emongste theym To Alice C. daughter of the saide John C. and lykewyse begotten of y^e bodie of my saide daughter Cycelye the sūme of ffortye poundes To my brother John Gee six poundes thirtene shillinges ffowre pence To my brother Henry Gee tenne poundes To my three bretherne Raphe G. Thomas G. and ffrauncys G. ffortye shillinges a piece To my brother Edward G. tenne poundes To my mother Elizabeth G. six poundes thirtene shillinges ffowre pence To John G. sonne of

¹ Proved July 31, 1591.

² John, son and heir of William Croxton of Ravenscroft co. Cest. gent., married Cicely, daughter [and heiress] of George Pendleton of Manchester, afterwards wife of Robert, younger son of Henry Mainwaring of Carincham. He died 41 Elizabeth, and was grandfather of Thomas Croxton of Ravenscroft, a colonel in the service of the Parliament and governor of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 111.

my saide brother John G. ffortye shillinges To Edwarde G. sonne of my brother Raphe G. three poundes six shillinges eighte pence To Edwarde G. Henry G. Elizabeth G. and Margaret G. sonnes and daughters of my brother Henrye G. eighte poundes equallye to be devyded emongste theym To my sister Elizabeth Bispham ffortye shillinges and one blacke gowne To my sister Anne Attersbye twentye shillinges and one blacke gowne To my mayde servaunte Margaret twentye shillinges and a gowne and a peticoate of my owne apparell Unto my other maide servaunte Dorothie twentye shillinges and a gowne and a peticote of my owne apparell I give all y^e reste of my apparell unto my saide daughter Cycelye Croxton To Rycharde Adlington one blacke cloake and tenne shillinge To my saide sonne in lawe John C. and to my saide bretherne John G. Henry G. Raphe G. Thomas Edwarde and ffrancys G. and to John G. sonne unto my saide brother John and to Edwarde and Henry G. sonnes unto my saide brother Henry and to my welbeloved ffrende Mr Thomas Goodyear¹ to evye one of theym a mourninge cloake To my mother Elizabeth G. to M^{rs} Croxton mother to my sonne in lawe John C. my daughter Cycelye C. my brother John G. his wyffe my brother Henry G. his wyffe my brother Raphe G. his wyffe my brother Thomas G. his wyffe and to y^e relice of ffrancys Pendilton to evye one of theym a mourninge gowne To Alyce G. daughter of my saide brother Raphe G. twentye shillinge And to Genet Pilkinton a ffryse gowne alreadye made I give &c. all my parte of my best silver salte and of my best goblet and silv^r potte unto y^e saide George C. sonne unto my sonne in lawe John C. and the one halffe of all y^e rest of my pte of household stuffe ymplemente of howseholde pewter brasse plate beddes &c. And the other halfe of my howsehold stuffe &c. I give unto my bretherne Henry

¹ Mr. Thomas Goodyear married Katherine, widow of Ralph Sorocold of Manchester merchant, and (probably) brother of Mr. Thomas Sorocold, rector of Saint Mildred in the Poultry, London.—See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 142, Chetham series.

G. and Edwarde G. equallye betwixte theym My said household goodes shalbe equally devided by the discrecon of my deare ffrend M^r Thomas Goodyeare yf otherwyse they can not agree aboute y^e division of the same To the said George Croxton a mourninge cloake and a coate I give towards the repayinge of Jesus chaple afforesaide ffortye shillinges I give unto six poore men and six poore women in Manchest^r to evye one of theym a ffryse gowne and to twelve poore children in Manchest^r to evye one of theym a ffryse coate I will that my. executors doe take out of my goodes three poundes and distribute y^e same to y^e poore people in Manchest^r To George Pendilton three shillinges fourpence and one of y^e ffryse gownes afforesaide All landes teñtes or leases left to me by the last will of my husbände George P. I will shall remayne to my daughter Cycelye C. and to her heyres &c. The remaynd^r of all my goodes I give unto y^e children of my saide daught^r Cycelye C. equallye to be devided amongste theym I ordeyne &c. my saide sonne in lawe John Croxton and Cycelye my daughter my executors And I request my welbeloved brothers John Gee and Henry G. and my beloved ffrend M^r Thomas Goodyeare to be supvisors &c.

Attached to the above is a M^{dm} that the xiiij daie of Aprill 1591 Alice P. widow fearing the houre of death to approch did call for her will w^{ch} she said she had made and caused the same to be readde in the presence and hearinge of the witnesses hereunder subscribed and then and there published the same &c. Edward Gee Waringe Croxton Henrie Gee with others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ENTWYSLE OF
THE FOXHOLES.¹

IN the name &c. the daye of Auguste 1574 I Robart Entwysle of the ffoxholes in the towne of Hunnersfelde and parishe of Rachdalle of whole mynde &c. My bodie I committe to the earth to be buriede in the churche yearde of Rachdall amongiste the bodies of other faythfull Chrystians theare abydinge the joifull comminge of Jesus Chryste at the generall daie of iudgmente My will ys that the parsons of the said parysshe churche of Rachdall shall haue hys mortuarye My said goodes shalbe equallie devided into thre partes one parte therof I geve unto Jane my welbelovid wyffe An other parte I geve unto Josephe [and] Abell my sonnes Jane Marye and Dorathie my daughters to be equallie amongiste them devided And out of the third parte I will that my funerall expences shalbe dischargede And oute of the same parte I doe geve &c. unto M^r Mydgley vicar of the said pishe church of Rachdall vj^s viij^d requestinge hym to make a funerall sermō at my buriall or at such other tyme as yt shall please God to appointe for the and comfortho of my frendes and brethren I geve unto Jane my wellbelovid wyffe one fetherbed towe sheetes tow blankettes one coverlet one boulster and two pyllowes so longe as she shall keepe hyr selfe sole and unmariede and yf she marye againe after my departure my will ys that the same goodes shall remayne unto my said fyve younger children to be amongiste them equallie devided To

¹ Proved September 1, 1574. This testator and his will were unknown to Mr. Lodge in 1807, when the pedigree of Entwisle of Foxholes was recorded in the College of Arms, and renders the upper part of that pedigree of more than questionable authenticity. The will is referred to in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 178, note, Chetham series.

my eldest sonne and heire Rychard E. towe great garnars in the old barne one plowe one paire of plowe yrons one harrowe one great paire of wheles one standinge borde in the house all my harnishe one paire of bedstockes in whiche I lye my best coffer whearin my evidences lye a paire of turve waine boughes one sylver spoone to remayne to hym and his heires at my mansion house as heire lombe I gave &c. one litle Bible to my sonne Rycharde and the said Jane my wyffe and they to see the same occupied everie Sabaothe daie when there ys no sermons nor sacramentes in ministringe and in the weeke daie my will and mynde ys that my porest kinsfolkes whiche are not able to by a Bible shall haue the same lent unto them To John Ogden my seruant vj^s viij^d To John Butterworth my seruante vj^s viij^d To John Wylsonn my servaunte vj^s viij^d To Jane my welbelouid wyffe Rychard E. my eldest sonne to Joseph and Abell my yonger sonnes all my bokes in my studie and my librarie to be amongyste them equally devided Whearas I haue letten unto John Wolstenholme and Arthure Whitheade two messuages and landes th'one of which ys callid Grayefeeldheyes in the towneshippe of Hunnersfelde and th'other ys callid Levengreave in the towneshippe of Spotlande payinge therfore yerelie to me and my heires the yerelie rent of xx^s (viz.) for the messuage callid Grayefeeldeheyes xij^s iiij^d and for the messuage callid Levengreave vj^s viij^d at daies and feast^e acustomede I doe by this my p^sent testament allow [it] to be my lawfull acte and deede The residue of all my goodes and chattells I doe geve unto the said Josephe Abell Jane Marye and Dorathie my yonger children to be equallie amongiste them to be devided And I ordaine &c. Jane my welbelouid wyffe my executrix And for the true execu^cōn thearof accordinge to my will and mynde I geve unto the said Jane my wyffe xl^s over and aboue the legacies to her before bequeathide And I nominate ffrauncys Entwysell my brother Eles Hamer Thomas Telier and Thomas Stotte supervisors to correct my execu-

trix yf she doe not performe this my present testament in everie behalfe earnestly prayinge theim for God hys behalfe and for the frendshippe they haue shewed me in theyr lyffe tyme to take the paines to se this my testament pformede wyth such diligence as they wold wyshe there owne testament to be performede when God shall call them to his mercye remembringe the sayinge of holie Scripture such measure as ye meate wythall ye shall haue measurude againe In wyttnes wheareof I haue sette my sealle &c. in the presence of William Hamer James Buckley Randall Casson wyth many others beinge speciallie callid and requested thearto.

THE WILL OF RICHARD JONES, CLERK,
RECTOR OF BURY.¹

GLORYE be to God the Father maker of all thyngē to God the Sone redemer of me and all mankynde throwghe whose deathe and passion [I] truste verely to be saved together wth the Holye Gooste throwghe whose sanctyfycacōn I beleve I shalbe made ptaker of the heavenlie provyded for the electe of God to whome be everlastynge honore and prayse Amen 15 June 1568 I Rycharde Jones clerk of Burye beinge of good mynde &c. my bodye to the earthe frome whence yt came to be buried within the chauncell on the sowth syde over anendē where Syr Thomas Holte ys buried My wyll ys that everye pore bodye that shall cū to my buryall shall have a penye and meate and the rychersorte to have theyr dener Unto one hundrethe of the pooreste howse keepers

¹ The inventory is dated July 15, 1568. Richard Jones was instituted to the Rectory of Bury 4th February 1557, on the presentation of Hugh Jones for that time only, by permission of the Earl of Derby. — *Baines's Lanc.* vol. ii. p. 666.

in Burye pyshe to every one of theȝ halfe a hope of ote mele or money to bye yt withall as the pryce [is] in Rachedall marketh To my successor all tables cheyres greate arkes as well in the barne kilne as in the store howse with all saltynges tubbes in the larder foure cupebordes two in the buttre and one in my chamber and one where I lye all bruynges vesseles of leade or woode and all the hoggē headē barels rūletes and stondes also thre carved bedstockes one in my lordē chamber an other in the parlour chamber with all other bedstockes in the howse all hangyngē in the hall and all the turves woodde and coolles that I shall happen to haue at the tyme of my [decease] on condyçōn that he aske no delapydaçōns and that he be bounden to my lorde¹ and hys heyres to [leave the] same after hys deathe to remayne as standarts in the same howse for maynteñnce of hospetylyte so long as they laste And I bequeth unto hym by the waye of charyte all my servñntē trustyngē that he wylbe to theȝ as I My wyll ys that everye servñnte that I haue shall haue one hole yeres waygē to be payde to theȝ suche onelye to be excepte as hereafter I shall bequeth oȝthynge To S^r Roger Hodgekynson one flock bedde one bolster one payre of shettē ij blanketē one coverlet and my sylke coveryngē my surples and fyve poundē Unto Henry Jones filio Hugonis xx^{ti} shepe one cowe and xx^s To John Belfyld x^s To Joseph Bothe xx^s To Thomas Jones of Pymhole xx^s and one cowe wth a calfe To Alys Both vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d To Marget Bothe xl^s To Elyzabeth Bolton xl^s To Wiffm Jones xl^s To Ather Batersbe xx^s hopes of mele To Roger Jones xx^s To Alexannder Holte vj^s viij^d To the wyff of Andrewe Alenis xx^s Unto everye one y^t I am uncle to with bequeste vj^s viij^d My wyll ys Thomas Jones² shalbe kept to lernyngē in Cambrydge upon my charge

¹ Edward Earl of Derby.

² There is little doubt that this object of the testator's benevolence was Thomas younger son of Henry Jones of Boarshaw in the parish of Middleton in the county

so long that I haue in Radclyff wylbe able to bear hym trustynge thereby that he wylbe able to helpe the reste of hys pore fath[erles]s bretherin and systers To my god soñe John Jones xl^s To Alys Jones hys syster xl^s to Anne and Besse eyther of theym xiijs iiij^d To Evane Jones one fetherbedde one bolster one payre of shette ij blancke coverlet ij kyen one swyne and the tacke of the grounde y^t I haue of Ryč Flecher in Redevolces To Ryč Jones soñe of my brother Thomas xx^s Unto everye w^{ch} my said brother hadde besyde vjs viij^d apece To Anne Grenenalgh xx^s To Ryč Symon xx^s To Thomas Symon xx^s To Marye Symon vjs viij^d To Elyn Symon vjs viij^d To my suster Elizabeth one fetherbedde w^{ch} she hath in her custody and xl^s To Anne and her husbande one fetherbedde one bolster one payre of shette ij blanket one coverlett iij kyen ij sylver spones ij swyne iij^{li} and sū gowne to make her a gowne of To the wyff of Henry Jones th'elder xx^s To Thomas Jones servantte to M^r Grenenalgh in consideraçõn of the gatherynge of my tythe corne money in the fforreste¹ To foure chylde of Holme everye one vs To Wiłfm Chatherton one angell and to everye chylde he hath vjs viij^d To everye chylde y^t I am god father to y^t comyth for to receyve yt xij^d To the late wyff of Hugh Jones ye chylde of hers to whome I haue yeven nothyng vjs viij^d To Thomas Jones Hugh's sone the money eth unto me and one fetherbedde in my chamber at Borshaye² and further as my good wyll extende at the sight of my To Ryč Jones Henry sone all my chamber as yt standyth

of Lancaster, yeoman, afterwards in holy orders D.D., consecrated Bishop of Meath 1584, translated to the archiepiscopal see of Dublin in 1605, in which year he became Lord Chancellor of Ireland. The Archbishop died in 1619, being succeeded by his son, Sir Roger Jones Knt., created in 1628 Baron Jones and Viscount Ranelagh, ancestor of the present peer. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 129–141.

¹ Holcombe forest.

² Boarshaw, an ancient freehold in the parish of Middleton, was the inheritance of the Jones's for more than one hundred and fifty years after this date. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 141.

furnysshed one fetherbedde de and all y^on contened one fetherbedde affore excepte to Thomas Jones To George Lee xx^s To Elizabeth the wyff of Robert Cleton xx^s To Ryč Jones soñe to olde Henry the money w^{ch} he owgheth unto me gall To Ryč Clough x^{li} w^{ch} I lent hym to bye and sell with all and ij sylver spones to everye chylde x To M^r Charyngton suche money as he owght unto me for tythe To the pson of Myddleton¹ xx^s To my good lord foure angels I wyll that the foure bokes of Crysosem be chened in the churche and there to remayne for ever I wyll that Henry Marrecrofte² shall haue my calapyne and my parasies To M^r Grenehalgh my mare To M^r Hopewodde one angell To M^r Radclyff of Longleye iij angells If I departe in such tyme of the yere that my goodē wyll not extende to pforme my wyll then all Thomas Jones keypyng to Cambrydge onelye to have y^t w^{ch} ys bequethed unto theym pydyed y^t yf do departe thys worlde or leave the scole affore that w^{ch} ys asseynd to hym be spende then my wyll ys th[at] the reversion shalbe bestowed upon my two god sones John Jones and Joseph Bothe towards keypyng theȝ to the s[chool] The reste of my goodē my executors shall equallye devyde and gyve one pte to the por[est] howse holders in Burye pyshe and th'other halfe to the poreste of my kynsfolkes I make my executors Edmunde Prestwyche Edmunde Assheton Ryč Radclyff Syr Roger Hodgekynsone and Evan Jones desyrynge my good lorde and the pson of Myddleton to be oversears &c. And where I haue bequethed nothyng to M^r Prestwyche nor to M^r Edmūde Assheton for theyr paynes my wyll ys they shall haue thre angels a pece In wytnes &c. Withm Overall Rauff Barlow Rauff Batersbe Withm Fyldes Jamys Holme Rycharde Hall.

¹ Rev. John Assheton, son of Sir Richard, buried 9th October 1584 in the Rector's chancel at Middleton. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. i. p. 346.

² Henry Marcroft was curate of Bury, and answered Bishop Downham's Visitation call, 1563.

Dette to me owynge over and besydes suche as be contenynge within my dette boke and specialtyes as folowythe.

In p^rmis Alexaunder Barlow esquier v^{li}.

Item Mathew Bothe savinge the pryce of one velvet night cappe v^{li}.

By me Ryc^d Jones clerke.

THE WILL OF ALICE MASSEY OF CHESTER, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 15 Jan^y 1597 [1597-8] I Alice Maasse of the cittye of Chester widdow late wyfe to William Massey late of the said cittye alderman deceased I commend my bodye to the earth whereof it is made desiring that the same may be buried in my parish church yard so neare unto my saied husband as convenientlie it may be buryed I give to my sonne Gerard M. all the waynescott glasse painted clothes borders above the waynscott tables wth their frames whereon they stand and all my beddstead^e w^{ch} now are wthin the house wherein I now dwell in the Watergate street and my best andiron^e my best carpett my ounting chest in the like lower parlour my best cipresse chest in the chamber over the hall my husband^e late best gowne once faced wth velvett and best ffire-shovell and tongs Unto my sonne Lawrance M. a signett

¹ Proved September 18th, 1600. Alice daughter of Thomas Bavand of Chester married William Massey Alderman of Chester (son of Richard Massey of Grafton by Margery daughter of William Barnston of Churton) and had issue Laurence, Edward, Jane wife of Peter Newall gent. and a son and heir Gerard Massey B.D., Rector of Wigan, nominated to the Bishopric of Chester but died before consecration, 16th January, 1615-16, and was buried at St. Mary's Church, Savoy. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 387. He sold the Grafton estate to Peter Warburton Esq. (afterwards knighted) Justice of the King's Bench, in whose descendant Edward John, Lord Stanley of Alderley, the property is now vested.

ring having the Massyes armes upon it together wth this poesie
 Amici donū one bedestead and one cipresse chest to be given att the
 discretion of my sonne Gerard my great lead in the court my scales
 and my weighte in the sellar To my daughter Jane Newall¹ a
 cypresse chest standing in the like parlour wth my shorter dammaske
 table cloth wth a damaske towell belonging to it my best gowne best
 kirtle best petticote and my velvett hood and two ringes of gold viz.
 my best ring fashioned to a serpent and a hoope ring w^{ch} was my
 husbande To Elsabeth Newall my daughters daughter ffortie pounde
 towarde her marriage good and a like gold ring wth a pearle in it To
 my sonne Thomas M. the greatest chest standing in the parlour and a
 ring of gold enameled wth a death head in it To my sonne Edward
 M. one gold ring wth a diamond in it my next best chest in the
 chamber over the parlour To my sonne Gerard M. more a gold
 ring wth this poesie in it no ens coniunxit homo nox sepat
 and my litle lead in the court To my nephew and cossin William
 Jhonson my best turkey ring of gold or my iron weightes in the
 sellar To my nephew and cossin Hugh Jhonson tenn pounde and
 to my neice and cossin Merriam Jhonson other tenn pounde and a
 program gowne wth one guard of velvett about it and to my sister
 Jane Bankes my best blacke gowne my best taffata kirtle and a pet-
 ticote wth some linnens appertayninge to my bodye at the discretion
 of my daughter Jane Newall and a gold ring engraved in it this
 poesie Riches are unsteadfast To [my] neeces Ellen Bankes and
 Ales B. my saied sisters daughters the some of xx^{li} that is to say to
 either of them tenn pounde a peece to be payed when so soone as
 such money as is owinge of the money lent by my saied late husband
 to Adam Bankes their ffather shalbe payed and not otherwise To
 my saied neece Ellen Bankes my best purse wth two quarter angelles
 in it and a payre of knyves I forgive to my sister in law Katherin

¹ Ormerod's Pedigree of this family describes her as *Anne* wife of Peter Newall, and secondly of William Johnson of Chester.

Mannering widdow fiftie sixe shillinge w^{ch} she is indebted unto me as appeareth in my debt booke and I do give unto her xx^{tie} nobles more and one of my kyne called Nann towarde the bringing up of her children also my purple gowne my program kirtle a band and a gorgett and a ring of gold I remitt to my cossin Jane Smith my third part of a debt w^{ch} her husband did owe to my sonne William w^{ch} is dew to him my selfe and my sonne Newall To my sonne in law Peter Newall my second saphire ring of gold and to my neece and cossin Ales Ince a hoope ring of gold engraven in it R A and B my best band and a gorgett my best apron and also a payre of gloves and to my neece and cossin Ales Bankes besides my legasye before a small gold ring wth a gra tt enameled in it and to Mistris Rogerson Master Hugh Rogerson^e wyfe my second velvett hatt and to my servant Ales Stevenson my second cowe unbequeathed my silke rash gowne and an old petticoate guarded wth velvett and to my servant Dowce an old gowne and two old petticoates To the reputed sonne of my sonne William M. tenn pounde of those good^e w^{ch} were his fathere All the rest of my good^e cattelle &c. my debt^e being payed and my children^e portione left them by their saied late father satisfied I do give &c. unto my sixe children and my nephew viz. to Gerard M. Jane Newall my daughter Richard M. Thomas M. Lawrance M. Edmond M. and William Jhonson to be equally devided amongst them yett neverthelesse for reason^e me moving I will that my sonne Richard Massyes happening due unto him by this my last will shall remayne in the hand^e of my executore and shalbe by them employed according to their discrecion^e for the yearlie releife of my sayed sonne Richard M. for so long time as they shall hereunto consent in and be resolved that he will become a new man and a thriftie husband I will that my sonne Edward Massies portione due to him by his late ffather be sett forth by the consent of my executore to his best profit My sonne in law Peter Newall shall have the bringing up tuition and

government of my sonne Thomas M. and shall have wth him his porcion yeilding unto him the proffitt of such a stocke and shall likewise enter into bond wth sufficient suerties to the ordenarie for his tuition and againe of the saied some unto the ordenarie of this diocesse as in the like cases are commonlie used Whereas my sonne Lawrance M. who is now a prentice wth M^r Robert Wall iremonger hath in my hande the some of a hundred pounde being his childe part of good left unto him by his late father my will is that the same be putt forth by my executore to his best proffitt I give unto my sonne Richard M. one gold ring upon the like condition as before mentioned I nominate &c. my sonne Gerard M. and my cossin Thomas Barnston of Churton and my nephew William Jhonson my executore and M^r William Aldersay alderman my brother Rowland Barnes my cossin William Barnston overseers and for a remembrannce I doe give to eche of them an angell of gold toward a ring Lastlie I do remitt &c. Ellen ffoxehole of twentie shillinge w^{ch} is due to me by bill of her husbande hand In witness &c. In the presence of these Raphe Tilston Randall Ince &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN HOLMES, CITIZEN OF LONDON
AND FOUNDER OF BLACKROD SCHOOL.¹

IN the name &c. 18 September 1568 I John Holmes cytyzen and weyver of London &c. My bodey I bequethe to the yearthe to be buried wthin the churche of Blackrode nere unto my wyf when God shall calle me ffrome thys transitorye worlde And as touchynge the dysposiçon of all my messuage lande tent &c. wthin the pisshes of All Saynte in Lomberde strete wthin the cytye

¹ Proved February 19th, 1568 [1568-9].

of London and Saynte Edmūdē in the same cytye and elesē where I wyll that Anne my wyf shall receyve all y^e pffyttē of my said landē &c. duryngē her lyef and shall paye eighte poundē to Alexander Rygby of Erley w^{thin} the countye of Lancaster and Edward Norres of Blackerode gentelmen Roger Bradshawe of Haghe and James Browne of Westehaughton esquierē Christofer Anderton of Lostocke Wylliam Anderton of Anderton and John Adlyngton of Adlyngton gentelmen Wylliam Browne and Petur Longworthe yomen And I geve the saide yerelye rent of eighte poundes to the saide Alexander &c. and theyr heyres for ever to be bestowyed by them yerely uppon one lerned and dyscrete scolemaster w^{thin} shall teache a ffree gramer scole w^{thin} the towne of Blackerode¹ in the churche there or as nere unto yt as they shall thynke mete and the same scolemayster to be from tyme to tyme apoynted thereunto by the said Alexander &c. and [their] heres I wyll that my said wyf shall paye of the saide rentē &c. yerely to the saide Alexander Rygby &c. the some of ffyve poundes to the entente that they shall bestowe the same yerelye for the exhibyōn of one scoler w^{thin} that colledge in Chambridge called Mary Valanse other wyse called Penbroke Hall and the same scoler to be nomynatede by the saide Alexander R. &c. and by [their] heyres and to be from tyme to tyme chosen out of the saide gramer scole to be kepte in Blackerode And after the dethe of Anne my wyfe I dow geve all the resydew of my landē and tentē unbequethed unto y^e vicar and churche wardenē of St Sepulchres and unto theirē successorē for ever painge all somes of money as I have geven owt afore to anny pson or psonē &c. and then all y^e ovplusses I geve to the reparationē of the body of the churche of St Sepulchres and yf y^e said vicar or churche-wardens shalbe neglygentt in any paymenttē and shall nott suffycientlye repayre the body of the said churche opōn one

¹ For an account of the various items of endowment of this school, see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. p. 17, note.

hole yeares warninge geven by my heyres &c. for ever y^t then my will is it shall goe to my next heyres &c. for ever I dow pray M^r Allexander Rigbye of Erley in y^e countye of Lancaster and Edward Norres of Blackerode gentlemen to take upon them to see this my last will be pformede and I geve them for theire paines eyther of them fortye shillinge All my goode and chattaille shalbe devided into too pte one pte to my selfe and the other pte unto Anne my wyffe To John Houlme the sonne of George Holme of Blackerod cityzen and grosser of London one hundreth pounde for a stocke to sett hime up wthall and my levereie gowne of browne blewe faced wth budge To M^{rs}garet Vaus¹ my wiffes nece fyve pounde and further yf my cozyn John Holme and shee joyne in mariage to gether y^t then after y^e dethe of Anne my wyffe I dow geve unto them all my interest in the mesuage called y^e Katheryn whele att Holborne condytte in London desyryng my wyfe to further y^e matter as muche as lyethe in her and yf ytt doo happen y^t they do nott pcede in mariage to gether y^t then and upon whose ptye ytt breakethe whether itt be he or she shall nott haue aⁿy pte of my intrest in the p^rmesses aforesaid and then I geve my hole interest unto y^t ptye of those too psons aforenamed y^t shalbe agreable to marige accordinge to my request pvided always that my wife shall haue ytt duringe her naturall lyfe To Thom^e my brother and his children fyve pounde and my gowne of shepe collor furred wth sownes To Thom^s Jamyes of London inholder tenne pounde and to his wyfe fortye shillinges To John Tomson of London fortye shillinge To Rychard Langlay of Shrewsbery one stone pott garnished wth silver and gilted in token of good will betwyxt all his frende and me To Wiltm Langlaye of London grosser fortye shillinge to bye him a blacke gowne wthall To Richard Weacklyf of London goldsmythe foure marke to bye him a blacke gowne wthall To Charles Coupthwaithe my best gowne garded wth velvett

¹ Vaus — a Blackrod family, of which was Warden Vaus.

and faced wth gennys To Mr Brightman of y^e prishe garden my ringe of gold w^{ch} I comonly weare called a cornellion To Jane Gibson my cozine my black gowne furred wth shankes and more of my raimentt as my wyfe shall thincke good To my cozyn Anne Hatfyld fortye shillinge to by her a black gowne wthall To my cozyn Simond Hatfilde my boke of the moneymett^e¹ To Tho^ms Gorton of Adlington tenne pounde to bye hym owt of dette wth all his creditor^e yf he will redeme hym upon y^e vewe of too honest men by the apointmen of S^r Richard Shawe jst and Peter Longworth wthout anny frawde or deceptt otherwise I doo geve hym butt twentye shillinge and noe more I geve twentye shillinge of the same money unto Robert his soⁿⁿe my godsone To Ellizabethe Farebrother and her children twentye shillinge To Tho^ms Gorton of Aspull and hys children twentye shillinge To Jamys Gorton of Hawghton aud his chyl dren twentye shillinge To one Alys Gorton syster to Jamys Gorton of Haughton toward^e her mariage and to Richard Gorton of Winwicke pishe [each] twentye shillinge To the late wyf of Robart Gorton three shillinge foure pence and to her doughter tenne shillinge toward^e her mariage w^{ch} doughter she had by y^e said Robert Gorton I geve toward^e y^e maikynge of a stone steple att Blackerode three pounde twentye shilling beinge in the hande of Peter Longworthe soe y^t y^e steple be maid wthin ij yeares after my dicease opone condicion y^t y^e towne shalbe good in anny buyldinge toward^e anny necessities of a free scoole To Peter Holme y^e sonne of George Holme my terme of yeares w^{ch} I haue of Mr Fletwood in one messuage nowe in the hande of Sethe Foster and one other new teⁿte my owen dwellinge howse w^{ch} I buylded myselfe nowe of late under thees three condicions thatt y^e said Peter Holme his heires &c. shall suffer y^e scolemaister and his successor^e to occupie y^e said new howse paynge therefore too shillinge a yeare and nott above and y^t y^e said scolemaister and his successor^e shall

¹ Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, first edition, 1563, folio.

haue one cowe gate all the tyme of somer and owlett for the winter tyme painge therefore foure shillinge to be kepte as his owne is iustlye and trewly and I will y^t Peter Longworthe shalhaue y^e portion of my pte of y^e barne y^e said Peter Holmes not to allyenate his right or anny pte therof otherwayes butt to wyffe or childe If anny of theis condicions be broken then ytt shall goe to my cozine Jamis Gorton of Westhaughton and he to pforme all condicions as &c. To evy one of my god children twelve pence a peece To Peter Longworth and his wyf foure poude in consideracion of their greatte paynes taken wth me att all tymes in my sicknes To Richard Shawe¹ pste fyve pounde for singuler good will y^t I doo beare unto hime To Thurstan Longwoorthe and Heughe his sonne tenne shillinge To Margaret Sutton his servantt tenne shillings To George Holme my kyⁿes man fyve pounde and my ridinge cloke To Jamis Holme his sonne fyve pounde To Lambert Holme and Peter Holme his brother tenne shillinge a peece To . . . Holme twentye shillinge To Ellyn Mason and her pore children twentye shillinge To Bamford dwellinge at y^e pke halle sonne of Clemens Holme twentye shillinge and my mynd is thatt the saied Clemence Holme shalhaue the said twentye shillinge as longe as she lyveth soe thatt she wilbe bounde unto M^r Edward Norres to repay ytt againe when God calleth for her unto her said sonne To y^e said Clemence Holme to Witm Longworthe to his soⁿe Fraunce to little John Anyscoe of Aspull and to Myles his brother fyve shillinge [each] To Grace Aynsco their syster tenne shillinge To Jamys Barker of the Mosse to Nicolas Turner and to George Rigbye fyve shillinge [each] To evy house holder wthin y^e towne of Blackerode y^t I haue given notheng afore twelve pence a peece all sutch as will accept ytt To

¹ He was Minister of Blackrod. Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall and William Radcliffe Esq. his son claimed the patronage of the chapel in 1542 on the death of Hugh Holme, probably a relative of the testator, and exercised it. Their right, however, was disputed, and the Hoghtons recovered the nomination. — *Lanc. MSS.* Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol ii. p. 15.

evy p^rson howse in London or wthin one myle of London fyve shillinge to be devided amongst them whereas is most nede To the hospytall of Christe church in London and S^t Thom^s in Sothwarke fortye shillinge to y^e relyvfe of the pore and to the maintenānce thereof To the wif of James Sutton tenne shillinge I geve my chamber w^{ch} lyethe redy fraymed and unsett up wth the tymbr^r therto belonginge unto y^e scolemayster of Blackrod and reservinge unto y^e p^rst w^{ch} shalbelong unto the churche y^e loft of the said chamber severall unto him selfe from tyme to tyme oppon condision y^t the towne shall help the scolem^r to builde the said chamber and to sett yt up atth^est end of y^e howse To Richard Shaw p^rst too plater dishes of pewter of y^e lesser sorte of y^e first vij platters and too other dishes wth too sawsers and one chawendishe and one pinth pott of pewter and one halfe pintt pott of pewter one candestike of latten and one littell skellett y^e lesse of the too one iron spitt and three quisons of y^e gretest sorte covered wth velvett and too pyllowes I will y^t throughewt all my houshol stuffe w^{ch} I haue in Lancashire thatt Anne my wif shalhaue thees pcell^e followinge and no more first fower of the greatest platters of pewter and fower of the lesser sorte and fower pewter dishes of silver fashioned and foure sawsers of sylver fashioned and one collander of pewter and one dosen of pewter trenchers of silver fashioned also one pottell pott and a three pintt pott and one quarte pott of pewter one brasen mortar wth a pestell a fether bed the best I haue wth the best bolster and ij pil-lowes of downe of y^e best my best coveringe of tapistrye worke and too of the best blankett^e and one payre of the fynest shetes and too of the best table clothes and too of the best pillow beres and one turky quyshon To Richard Shaw p^rst one stole chaire of ease of wainscott To y^e scolem^r at Blackrod and hys successors one new cubbard stanndinge in my howse and a foldinge borde and too bedsted^e and one forme to reamaine in y^e howse and also y^e saye bankett and the border of all the ringe^e theere to reamaine in the said

howse and not to be taken away and one halfe of all my cowp stuffe To Richard Shaw ^pst one carpett of turkye worke To Anne Anysco doughter of John Anyscoo one payre of canvas shettes hole and sounde and one of my table clothes of linnen one of the three shortest To Thom̄s Gorton of Aspull y^e leste fetherbede wth his bolster to yt and one payare of canvas shetes wth one old coveringe wth imege worke and all the resydewe of my howshold stuff att Blackrode I geve to Peter Longworthe and his wyf to be bestowed oppon Elizabethhe their doughter att the tyme of her mariage yf she mary accordinge to her parentt^e mynd or ells they to have ytt themselves To the poore p^rsoners att Lancaster sex shilling^e eyght pence to be geven att the discrecyon of M^r Rigbye of Erley and especyally in y^e dongion I will y^t evy pore body att my buryall shalhave pence a pece and thatt their shalbe twentye messe of mete well furnyshed of the most honest neyghboures in y^e towne or neare unto the towne of sixe pence a pece Also the rest of all my pte of good^e after my debt^e &c. paid I geve to Anne my wyf I make my executors Anne my wyffe and John Houlme my cozyn and I make overseers Thom̄s Jamyes inholder and Wiltm Langlay grocer and Richard Shawe ^pste in witnes &c. I pray you wif to remember my forgotten frend^e Roger Snoden Johaⁿ Bukelsboot^e and Agnes Gorton my too night capps the one y^t is of velvett geve to my cozyn Simone Hatfild and y^e other of satten I geve to Peter Soker grocer and all other of my frend^e I reffarre ytt to your discretion &c. In y^e ^psentt^e of us Ric^d Shaw ^pst Thurstan Longworthe W^m Browne Thurstan Shepperd Peter Longworthe George Rigbye wth others.

I. H.

THE WILL OF ALEXANDER HOGHTON
OF LEA ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. 3 Auguste 1581 I Alexander Houghton of the Lea in the countye of Lancaster Esquyre beinge syke in bodye &c. I have all redye by suffyciente conveyance in the lawe executed in my lyffe tyme dysposede all my maner^e messuag^e land^e and tent^e to such uses as I doubte not but doe stand wth the pleasure of Almyghtie God the comfortho of all my frend^e and the contenta^{co}n of all good men and are as I triste to the uppeholdinge and maintenance of that house whereof my selfe and all my aunsetur^e have lynyallye dyscended And nowe for the orderinge of my good^e &c. I doe make my laste wyll &c. My bodye to be buryede in the pyshe church of Preston soe neare that place where my ffather S^r Rycharde Houghton Knyghte and Dorothye my wyffe doe lye buryede as convenyentt may be The w^{ch} I woulde have done yf soe be that yt shall fortune that God doe call me ffrome this trancetorye lyffe wthin ffortye myles of the same church I make my sole executrix Elizabeth my welbelove wyffe and yf shee doe refuse or shall fortune to dye in my lyffe tyme then I wyll that my lovinge brother in lawe Thomas Heskethe of Grayes Inne in the countye of Myddlesex gentleman and my trustie and welbelovede servantes George Beseley and James Helme shalbe my executore To Elizabeth my wyffe all my playte that ys to saye aswell all my boles tuñes spounes and saltes as alsoe

¹ Proved 12th September, 1581. Alexander, second son of Sir Richard Houghton of Houghton Knt., married first (covenant dated 1st Feb. 17 Elizabeth) Dorothy, daughter of Richard Assheton Esq. of Middleton, by his second wife Katherine, daughter of Sir Robert Bellingham; and secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Gabriel Hesketh of Aughton Esq., but had no issue by either wife. He was succeeded in the estates by his younger brother, Thomas Houghton Esq., ancestor of Sir Henry Bold Houghton Bart. of Houghton Tower, the representative of this ancient family.

all her apparell rynges and jewelle whatsoev^r w^{ch} sh^ee hath bene accustomed to weare and have duringe my lyffe tyme If the resydewe of my goode and chattelle my debte beyng^e dyschardgede doe amonte unto towe hundrethe markes then I geve &c. to Margaret my bastarde doughtor wyffe to Roger Crichelawe of Charnocke Rycharde and to all her chyldren the some of one hundrethe mark^e equallye to be devydede amongeste theym And yf the resydewe of my goode doe not extende to towe hundrethe mark^e then I geve &c. to the said Margaret my bastard doughter and to all her chyldren the thyrde parte of all my goode and chattelle To the wyffe of John Tomlynsone th^elder ffortye shilling^e Yt ys my wyll that Thomas Houghton of Brynescoules my brother shall haue all my istrument^e belonginge to mewsyck^e and all manⁿ of playe clothes yf he be mynded to keppe and doe keppe players And yf he wyll not keppe and manteyne player^e then yt ys my wyll that S^r Thomas Heskethe knyghte shall haue the same istrument^e and playe clothes And I most hertelye requyre the said S^r Thomas to be ffrendlye unto ffoke Gyllome and Wiltm Shakshafte now dwellynge wth me and ether to take theym unto his servyce or els to helpe theym to some good M^r To Wiltm Walle clarke ffyve pound^e To Thomas Gryffyne servant to the said S^r Wiltm Walle twentye shylling^e To everye one of my servant^e that shall ffortune to be in my servyce at the tyme of my dycease and is hyrede wth me for yerelye wayges one whoule yeres wayges And whereas I the said Alexander and the said Thomas H. my yonger brother in consydera^cōn of an agrement betwene the said Thomas and me for the establysshinge of all my manore land^e and tent^e uppon the said Thomas and [his] heires malle by o^r dede 20 Julye 1580 I have graunted unto Thomas fletwoode sonne and heire apparente of John fletwoode of Penworthame Esquyre and unto Robert Talbote bastarde sonne of John Talbote the anewall rente of sixtyne pound^e thrytteē shilling^e ffoure pence issuyng^e oute of certeyne

my lande in Wythnell to haue the said yearlye rente duringe the naturall lyves of these my servantē that ys to weete Thomas Barton Withm Rigbie Roger Lyffseye John Houghton Henrye Bounde Withm Cloughe Thomas Coston John Kyche James Pemberton Robert Tomlynson Rycharde ffysheweke John Coth^m Thomas Barker Henrye Browne Myles Turner Rycharde Snape James Greaves Thomas Sharpe George Banester John Beseley Thomas Warde Robert Bolton John Snape Roger Dyconson ffoke Gyllom Withm Shakeshafte Thomas Gyllom Withm Ascrofte Roger Dugdayle and Margareye Gerrarde And the said rente shalbe devydette amongeste my said servantē soe that there shalbe yerely due unto the said Thomas Sharpe three pounde syxe shillinge eighte pence unto Thomas Coston twentye shillinge unto Thomas Barker twenty shyllinge unto Roger Dyconson thryttene shyllinge foure pence unto Withm Ascrofte thryttene shyllinge foure pence unto Robert Boulton twentye shyllinge unto Thomas Warde twentye shyllinge unto fflowke Gyllom fortye shyllinge unto Withm Shakeshafte ffortye shyllinge unto Thomas Gyllome fortye shyllinge and unto Roger Dugdayle fforty shyllinge duringe theyre naturall lyves The por^{cō}n of that partye that shall dye shalbe equallye devyded amongste theym that shall survyve soe that the survyvor of theym all shall haue for his lyffe the said whole rente of syxtyne pounde thryttene shillinge foure pence I geve unto my said wyffe all the recydewe of my goode and chattalle I desyre my trustie and lovinge ffrendē John Talbote of Saleburye Edward Standyshe of Standyshe Esquyre Thomas ffletwoode sonne and heire apparente of the said John ffletwoode and my brother in lawe Bartholomewe Heskethe to be supvysorē Wytnes hereof I haue putto &c. These beyng wytnes Thomas ffletwoode Bartholomew Hesketh Robert Parke Adame Boulton Withm Walle Clarke John Houghton and Peter Mellynge Dettē owinge unto mee Imprimis Richard Banister gent of Darwin Hall ats Bannister in Walton xv^{li} for w^{ch}

hee hath pledged to mee all his wheate nowe growing more of the said Richard in lent money xl^s.

M^d that the sayde Alexander H. after the wrytinge of his wyll dyde lyng upon his deathe bedde vidz. wthin towre dayes before his deathe revocate and calle backe by expresse word^e a certeyne legacie w^{ch} before in his wrytten wyll he hadde geven to one Margaret bastarde doughter of the said Alexander wyffe unto Roger Crichelowe of Charnocke Rycharde and to all her chyldren and dyde comāde that the said legacie shoulde be stryken oute of the said wyll and this dyd he dyver^e tymes or at the leaste ones in the p^resence of sundrye wyttnes After a certeyn scedull annexed to his will concernynge the makinge voyde of certeyne obligacōns wherein his tenⁿt^e of Asheton underlyne weare bounde byng informede that his debt^e beinge payed and the saide obligacōn^e and all suche money as he hade appoynted to be geven agayne unto his tenⁿt^e weare dyschardged that then his wyffe would have noe parte of his good^e lefte unto her for her mayntenāce he then perceyvynge the same lyklye to be trewe dyd declare that his inten^cōn was that yf soe be that his wyffe should have suffycient furnytur for her house mette for her callinge her playte and jewel^e w^{ch} were bequethede by hym unto her and twelve oxsene twentye kyne and a bull and horses conveyente for her and alsoe necessarye stoffe of husbandrye that then his wyll should therein be p^rformede or els ev^erye of theym to be answered peny ponde lyke of the reasydewe of his good^e and not other wysse Provydede alwaye that all suche obligacōn wherein anye my tenant^e of Asheton under lyne are indettede unto me shalbe voyde and noe advantage taken thereof soe that the said tenant^e shall not hereafter demaunde of my said executrix any dette awynge by me unto any of the said tenⁿt^e excepte suche money as Edmund Duckenfylde my servante dyd last borowe of the said tenⁿt^e for my use desyringe the said tenⁿts that theye wyll deale ffrendlye wth my said executrix in gevyng resonable dayes for paym^t

of the said money excepted In wytnes &c. I the saide Alexander &c. in presence of Thomas fletwoode Thomas Whittingham Thomas Barton Rycharde Whyttingham and Roberte Parke.

THE WILL OF JOHN LEGH, SON OF SIR
PERES LEGH OF LYME, KNT.¹

IN the name of the Almighty most gracious and mercifull trinitie the Father the Sonne and the Holie Gost three psons and one God by whom I John Leigh gentleman one of the yonger sonnes of Sr Peres Leighe knight was created redeemed and sanctified and in whom I doe assuredly trust to bee one of his elect and by whose good pleasure and sufferance I doe now this 2 Aprill 1593 make this my last will &c. And nowe for the disposiçon of such worldly goodē and chattallē w^{ch} God of his infinite mercy hath bestowed uppon mee beinge unwoorthie any such benefittē or blessingē I doe first say as through Godē grace I haue used e^{vy} day in my petiçons and prayers to say O Lord God heavenly Father direct mee in all my thoughtē woordē and deedē that I may doe those thingē that shalbee acceptable in thy sighte and to the glory of thy holy name Wherefore this petiçon beinge in my remembraunce and trusting to haue Godē direcçon therein I doe pounce this my last will &c. I give unto my supposed or base gotten daughter Ellen Leigh a^{ts} Ellenne Ogden one hundreth poundē w^{ch} M^r Hyde of Northbury is bounde wth others to pay unto mee the vjth day of June next And I require my right worshipfull cosen Robert Hyde of Northbury

¹ Proved April 30, 1593. John Legh gent., second son of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, co. Lanc. Knt. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 338.

Esquire to keepe my sayd daughter Ellenne if ytt might stande wth his good likinge wth meate drinke and cloathes fitt for her and to receyve the some of x^{li} yearelie in regard of her keepinge where his woorship doth know yt will arise from the hundreth poundes and if shee can bee p^rferred in mariage then that hundreth pounde I would haue bestowed uppon her And I would wish if there could bee lykinge betweene the pties and his frende that shee should match wth Rauffe the sonne of Godfray Hyde and if that mariage can not pceede then shee shall marie by the advise of my cosen Hyde To Ellenn Stanley als Baggiley wief unto Roberte Stanley the yonger foure score poundes w^{ch} Alexander Low of Stopford Thomas Sydell and Thomas Roodes stand bounden to pay mee one Maie day next w^{ch} I doe assigne unto the [said] Ellen S. for her mayntenance in regard of the faulte w^{ch} I haue made unto her for the w^{ch} I entirely begg and craue at the hande of the Almighty God to pardone and forgiue my offence agaynst her committed as alsoe for the rest of my offence The sayd Ellen shall keepe wth her a younge daughter supposed to bee myne w^{ch} is called Margarett Leigh s^rs Downes of the sayd some of foure score pounde w^{ch} I thinke shee may doe verie well by reson of the interest w^{ch} will come of the sayd some To my ladie my mother four score pounde To my welbeeloued brother James L. gentleman fore score pounde To my welbeeloued brother Thomas L. Esquier my signet of gould wth the rams head¹ ingrauen therin and twenty pounde w^{ch} my sayd brother oweth mee in pawne wherof I haue certayne plate pawned unto mee To my little god son and nephew Thomas L. twenty nobles To Ellen Stanley six pounde w^{ch} Thomas Bower is bounde to pay mee at Maie day nexte To John Waynwright my man xx^{li} and all my apparell and the same twenty pound to receaue of Henrie Pott John Latham and others To Henrie Somⁿ preacher of the woorde of God x^{li} to buy him bookes wth for the mayntenance of his good and godly studie

¹ The crest of the family.

To my brother James the annuety of v mark^e wth the arrerage therof during the lief of one Richard Bruche of whom I hould the sayd annuety To the right Woorshipfull Peter L. Esquier M^r Edward L. and M^r Thomas L. my nephewes to evy one of them vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d To evy one of the servant^e that serve my ladie my mother xij^s iiij^d To Ellen Stanley als Bagyley the pfette of the demayne of Shrigley for the space of one whole yeare To Jane Jackson ov^y and besydes xij^s iiij^d the some of iiij^{li} w^{ch} I haue certayne plate pawned unto mee by M^r Ratcliffe and if M^r Ratcliffe doe not redeeme the same then my will is that Jane Jackson shall haue ytt To the sayd Jane iiij^{or} mark^e of money w^{ch} M^r Stafford oweth mee for the w^{ch} I haue receyued certayne plate pawned unto mee w^{ch} I suppose to bee M^r Stafford['s] To the sayd Jane the benefit of a bargayne w^{ch} I haue of one Ridgeway for a peece of ground and if the sayd Ridgewaie doe repaie eight pound unto the sayd Jane then is his grounde lose I doe alowe xx^{li} for the discharginge of all my fuⁿball expenc^e and the ou^plus if theire bee any to bee distributed unto the poorest people dwellinge in Disley To the right Woorshipfull Roberte Hyde Esquier a peece of gould called a double portingue To Rauffe Bradley one duckett To M^r Edward Newport fortie shilling^e To Withm Shirte one French crowne pawned unto mee by the sayd Withm for six shilling^e I constitute &c. my executors Robte Hyde of Northbury Esquier Henrie Somⁿ p^rcher of the woord of God and Raphe Bradley yeoman I giue to M^r Peter Leigh of Burtonwood v mark^e To John Richardson xx^s w^{ch} hee oweth mee To Raphe Hyde and his tow sisters to evy one of them x^s To my brother James L. my gray nag These beinge witnesses John ffortune John Waynewright Withm Shirte.

John Leigh.

THE WILL OF SIR RALPH LEYCESTER OF TOFT, KNT.¹

IN the name &c. the 23 ffebruarie 1571 [1571-2] I Rauff Leycester of Toft in the county of Chester knight beinge &c. and my bodie to be buried in the church or chauncell at Moberley I geve &c. toward y^e reparacon of the same church of Moberley twentie shillinge To Lawrence Leycester my sonne all the meses lande tentē wich howses and salt howses in the countie of Chester wich now be in [the] sevall tenures of Witm Whytmore of Bexton Lawrannce Leycester of Knottesford gents John Winnington of Pyckmeyre Phillipp Anterbus of the Northwyche Thomas Dychfeild of the same John Maynwaringe of the same and George Sudlowe of the Crosse the Northwych wich said meses lande &c. be of the yearly rent of tenn pounde to haue &c. for the terme of [his] lyff To Marie L. my doughter the somme of fowre hundred markē toward her preferment in mariadge or otherwyse to be receyved of the proffect of my mosse and turbarie commonly cauled Toft Mosse And after the same fowre hundred markē hadd and taken that then the revcon of my said mosse and turbarie shall come to Witm L. my sonne and heire apparent and his heires for e^v It is my will &c. that Phillipp Maynwaringe of Pever esquier

¹ Proved March 1572-3. Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft, knighted at Leith 11th May 1544, married first Ellen, daughter of Philip Legh of Boothes Esq., and had issue Ralph his son and heir, died young; William his heir, Lawrence, who married Jane, daughter of John Warburton of Bromfield; John died without issue; Elizabeth married first Sir Randle Mainwaring of Peover, and afterwards Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt.; Anne, wife of Philip, brother and heir of the above Sir Randle Mainwaring; Ellen died in her infancy; and Mary, wife of Hugh Calveley of Lea Esq. Sir Ralph Leycester married secondly Jane, daughter of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt., and widow of John Edwards Esq. of Chirk co. Denbigh. He died 23rd February 1572-3, aged 53 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 386.

and An his wyeff and Lawrence L. my sonne shall haue the use of the said mosse and turbarie and profect^e therof untill such tyme as the said somme of foure hundreth m^lkes shalbe by [them] receyved to the use of the said Marie Yf the mariadge now concluded to be hadd betwene Robert Veneb^{ls} of Anterbus the younger son of Thomas Ven. and my sayd dowghter Marie do take effecte and y^t if Wi^{thm} L. my son do enter into bonde for the payment of such sommes of money as are agreyed uppon that then the said legasie of fowre hundred m^lkes shall be voyd To Dame Jane my wyeff all such juell^e as she hath in her kepinge and her chayne of gold that she wayreth To Lawrence L. my son twenty m^lkes and one geldinge To John Leycester son of Geffraye L. sixe poundes threttine shilling^e fowr pen^e To ev^y of my servaunt^e dwellinge in my howse as well men as women one wholl yeares wages To Lawrence L. my son one of my velvet gownes one sattyn dowblet and one pare of hose To Wi^{thm} L. my sonn and heire apparent my cheine of gold and all the rest of myne apparell To Jane Langton my daughter eight pondes and two kyne Hughe Jonson my servaunt shall haue the mese tenement &c. in Moberley now in [his] tenure for syxteine yeares next ensuinge the date herof and after the said terme of xvjth yeares Rauff Smyth son of Humfray S. deceassed shall haue the said tenement duringe his lyff Wi^{thm} L. my sonn and heire apparent shall geve ev^y yeare to Wi^{thm} Walker my servante xij^s iiij^d duringe [his] lyeff I geve &c. toward^e the repara^{co}n of the church of Knottesford twenty shillinge ffrauncis Newton shall haue all my land^e and tenement^e in Moberley wich be now in [his] tenure duringe his lyeff yealdinge &c. yearlie to me and to my heires xij^s iiij^d To my Ladie Maynwaringe my dawghter and to Ann Maynwaringe ether of them on gold ringe To Wi^{thm} L. my sonn and heire apparent after my detts donne all my goodes and cattells and all my maners meses land^e &c. to haue to him and his heires for ev^y Provyded alwayes that Phillipp Maynwaringe of Pever [Anne] his

wyeff and Lawrence my sonn shall haue one close of land cauled Padcastell Salt in Toft aforesayd beinge psell of myne inheritance for terme of twenty and one yeares payeing to Wifm L. my sonn and his heires the old rent I ordayne &c. my welbeloved wyeff Dame Jane L. and Wifm L. my sonn and heire apparent my executours willinge and desyringe them to haue the feare of God before ther yees and to pforme &c. I make my welbeloved frend George Caulveley Knight Edmund Trafford and Phillipp Maynwaringe Esquiers oversears In witnes &c. [Witnesses names defaced.]

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS LANGTON KNT.
BARON OF NEWTON.¹

IN Dei nomine &c. 4 April 1569 I Thomas Langton of Walton in the Dale in the countie of Lancaster Knyghte Baron of New-

¹ Thomas Langton, the testator, was the second son of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, and was six years old when his father died at the early age of 29, July 29, 1503, 18th Henry VII. A brother named Richard, three years his senior, was then found to be the heir. Ralph had bequeathed the custody of his children to his wife Joan, the daughter of Sir Christopher Southworth of Samlesbury (erroneously called Elizabeth in the pedigree printed in Baines's *History of Lancashire*), but the wardship of the heir of a military tenant belonged to the king, and it was by his grant, 13th May 1504, 19th Henry VII., that the widow had custody of the estates held by knight service along with the marriage of the heir. She, on the 11th November 1506, 22nd Henry VII., in consideration of a sum of money, alienated these rights to Sir Edward Stanley, a younger son of the first Harl of Derby, popularly known as the hero of Flodden, and in consequence of his good service there proclaimed in 1514 Lord of Mount-Egell (Monteagle).

Richard Langton dying 16th June 1511, 3rd Henry VIII., Thomas his brother was found to be next heir, and of the age of fourteen years. He became in his turn the ward of Sir Edward Stanley, who married him to his daughter Elizabeth. This lady is by Thomas Tong, Norroy, designated as the "base" daughter of Sir Edward Stanley, but she is not so described in her father's will (proved 1524), in which he

ton beinge of whole mynde &c. Whereas I the [said Sir Thomas L. Knt. by deed] bearinge date 4 August 5 and 6 Philip and

names another of his children by that epithet, and according to Collins and Nicolas she was the issue of his second marriage with Anne, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Harrington of Hornby. Her monument in Sepulchre's Church is thus described in Stowe's *Survey of London*, book iii, chap. xii:—

"A fair stone in the chancel close by one to Lady Eleanor Sentleger.

"Here lieth Dame Elizabeth Langton, late wife of Sir Thomas Langton Knight, Baron of Newton in the county of Lancaster, one of the daughters of Sir Edward Stanley Knight, Lord Monteaule, which deceased 17th June anno Domini 1583."

From this marriage issued

Edward the eldest son, named in Lord Monteaule's will as his godson. He married Anne daughter of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston, who survived him and lived as his widow at Lightshay Hall, in the parish of Winwick. Her will was proved 20th April, 1566. They had issue Thomas who died in childhood. Edward was living, as appears by the Preston Guild roll, in 1542 and died before 1558.

Richard who became Rector of Wigan. Not on the Guild roll of 1542.

Thomas and } Named by Tong in the Visitation of 1533, but not by Flower in
George } that of 1567.

Anthony and }
Franceys } Named by Flower but not by Tong.

Of these four Thomas alone appears on the Guild roll of 1542.

Leonard (called in the Visitation of 1567 the 6th son) who married Anne daughter of Thomas Leyburn of Cunswick in the county of Westmoreland, widow of William Singleton. He was the only one of the sons of Elizabeth Stanley alive in 1558, and he died before the guild of 1562, in his father's lifetime. They had issue Thomas who succeeded his grandfather, 11th Eliz. 1569, being then eight years of age.

Christopher alive 1542, as appears by the Guild Book.

The daughters are named in the following order in an indenture of 4th August, 5th and 6th Philip and Mary (1558), but in the Visitations are differently arranged.

Johan married to John Fleetwood of Penwortham, afterwards of Calwich in the county of Stafford, whose grandson Richard, the first Baronet of that family, succeeded his cousin the last Sir Thomas Langton as heir of entail under the settlement made 5th and 6th Philip and Mary.

Jane married to Richard Fitzherbert of the county of Stafford; alive in 1558.

Anne married to John (a second son of) Bold of Bold, several of whose children are named, along with herself, in their grandfather's will as his "cosyns." 1569.

Mary made betwene me the saide Sir Thomas L. upon th'one partie and the right honorable Sir Thomas Stanley Knighte Lorde Mountea[gle] [the] reverend ffather in God Lorde Thomas Stanley Bisshoppe of Man and the owte ysles and Wifm fletewodde of the Myddle Temple in London gentelman upon th'other partie amongst other thinges [did] covenante with the saide Lorde Mounteagle the saide busshoppe and Wifm ff. that at the nexte assises of the countie of Lanc. I should levye a ffyne [to] the saide Lorde Mounteagle &c. as that where the saide Lorde M. &c. should haue of my gifte all my manors lands &c. within the countie of Lanc. in the names of the manor of Newton Wigan Walton in le Dale Mellor Egresfeilde ats Eccle Darwyn Nether Darwyne Curedon Makerfeilde and Little Harwodde together with the advo[wson of]

Mary married first to Thomas Byrom of Byrom, and secondly, after 1558, to Edmund Winstanley of Winstanley, living at Wigan in 1569.

Eleanor married to Edward Cholmondeley of Coppenhall in the county of Salop; alive in 1558.

N.B. A son Roger, not named in the Visitations, was recorded once only on the Preston Guild roll (1542). It is uncertain whether he was the issue of the first or second marriage.

Sir Thomas Langton, after the death of his first wife, married Anne daughter of Thomas Talbot, a younger brother of John Talbot of Salebury, who is distinguished in the pedigree from others of the same name as Long John Talbot. — *Harl. MS.* No. 1549, fo. 57 and fo. 128. Her brother Richard, who became a citizen of London, was born ante matrimonium. She survived her husband and (23rd April 1572) made her will, which was proved June 1578, the inventory being taken 21st May in the same year (15th Eliz.). Her executors were her "cousyns" John Talbot and William ffarington Esqs. and Alexander Rishton gent. She recites in her will a debt of xx lb. due to her daughter

Katheryn, who is also named in the will of Sir Thomas 1569 (11th Eliz.), being then under age.

Edward, recorded in the *Harl. MS.* No. 1549, p. 57, as her son, but not named in her will, as he is erroneously stated to have been in the note at p. lxxiii, v ol. 31, Chetham Society.

Sir Thomas Langton was Sheriff of Lancashire in 1556, and again in 1567, and died at the age of 72, soon after making his will, an inquisition post mortem being held in the same year, the 11th of Queen Elizabeth (1569) at Wigan.

the church of Wigan and 600 messuage 200 toftē 12 milles 20
dove houses 600 gardeyns 600 orchardē 6000 acres of lande 2000
[acres] of meydowe 5000 acres of pasture 1000 acres of wodde 6000
a[cres of] heathe 6000 acres of more 1000 acres of marrys three
score poundē of rentes with the app^tenauncē in Newton Wygan
Walton in le Dale Lawe Meller Egresfeilde ats Eccles Over Darwyne
Nether Darwyne Harwodde Parva Curedall Curedon Lawton Gow-
burne¹ Arberie Houghton fferneheade Poulton Wolson
Holme Wenewick Heydock Asshton Pemberton² Billinge
Wynstanley Ynce Hindley Abraham and Preston in Amoundernes
and of the ffree ffis[heries] in the waters of Darwyn and Ribble in
Walton ffissheweke and Preston in Amoundernes to these uses that
the said Lorde M. &c. immediatlye after suche ffyne levyed shoulde
be seased of all the saide manors landē &c. to the use of me the
saide Sir T. L. ffor liff and ffor the terme of ffoure yeres nexte ffol-
lowinge [my] disceasse and [then] to div^d other uses³ [The fine

¹ The names defective here are Kenyon, Croft, Southworth, Myddleton, supplied from the inquisition post mortem.

² Orrell is the name to be supplied (Inquisition post mortem).

³ The object of this settlement was to exclude the issue of Sir Thomas Langton's second wife Anne from the inheritance, and this was accomplished by the "diverse other uses" recited in the indenture tripartite of 1558 (5th and 6th Philip and Mary) viz., after the decease of Sir Thomas and the expiry of four years, to the use of Leonard his only surviving son and heir. After Leonard's death and that of his wife, for whom provision was made, to the sole use of their male heirs in succession. In default of such issue then to the first son of the said Sir Thomas Langton Knight, the which after the date of the indenture shall be born in lawful matrimony, and by him begotten of such woman as Sir Thomas Langton may marry, and to the heirs male of such first son, so that the same should not be begotten of the body of "Anne Talbot alias Slater, and now commonly called the Lady Anne Langton, wife of the said Sir Thomas Langton Knight;" and in default to second and other sons and their heirs male in succession. In default of such issue to the use of William Langton, brother of the said Sir Thomas Langton for life. Then to the use of Johan, daughter of Sir Thomas Langton and wife of John Fleetwood for life, and to her sons and their male heirs in succession. In default to Sir Thomas Langton's daughter, Jane Fitzherbert, and her sons; then to his daughter, Anne Boulde, and her male issue; then to his

was accordingly levied] And I the saide Sir T. L. beinge indebted to di^vē and sundrie persons in greate summes of money and my children kynesfolke and other ffrendē not yet p^r nor admityd to lyvinges [make my] laste will and testamente ffirste I bequeith my soule &c. and I will that my body be buried in the syde of the chancell in the parisshe churche of Lawe¹ amongē my ancestorē there lyinge and I will that the churche haue all yt rightes and duties as towchinge my ffunerallē I do geve towardē the repe^racōns of the same churche twentie poundē to be paide within ffoure yeres nexte after my disceasse I make my trustie and welbeloued ffrendē Sir Richard Shirburne of the Stanyhurste knighte Alexander Rigbie of Erley gentelman Edmonde Winstanley of Wigan gentelman and my servant [John²] Woddecock my executourē My saide

daughter, Mary Byrom, and her male issue; then to Ellinor Cholmondley and her male issue. In default to Sir Thomas Langton's brother William, and his heirs male; remainder to the right heirs of Sir Thomas Langton. Power reserved to settle a jointure upon any future wife of Sir Thomas Langton. It was proved by the inquisition post mortem 6th James I. on the death of the last Sir Thomas Langton that the first Sir Thomas had no legitimate issue born after the date of this deed, that his brother William was dead as well as his daughter Johan and her eldest son, and that the inheritance devolved upon Richard Fleetwood, her grandson, by virtue of this entail.

It is altogether a very singular document, and so evidently thought the jurors at the inquisition post mortem, who suspected it to be fraudulent in its intention ("made by covin"). At the date of its execution Leonard's son was not born, so that the interest of Fleetwood's children in the settlement appeared to be a very near one, and it is curious to find that Thomas, Richard and Ralf his sons were named in the deed "Fleetwood alias Langton." The parties to the indenture were the brother of Sir Thomas Langton's first wife, his namesake the Bishop of Man and Rector of Wigan, and a nephew of John Fleetwood, an astute lawyer, who became Recorder of the City of London. It may also be inferred that it was hereby attempted to deprive the second wife of her dower, since she did not recover it without resort to process of law. In this she was successful, and to judge by the extent of her inventory taken for probate must have lived in good style.

¹ Lawe is another name for the church of Walton-in-le-dale.

² John the name supplied by the inquisition post mortem. Sir Thomas Langton, by charter dated ultimo February 11th Elizabeth, secured to Thomas and Edward Woodcock, sons of John, an annuity of 44s. 4d. for the life of John Woodcock.

executourē shall deliv^y unto my cosyn and heire apparente Thomas Langton¹ when he shall come to the full age [of] twentie one yeres my golde cheane one standinge cuppe of silver withe the cover being g[ilt] wheare upon ys graven this worde earlome my greatest sil^y gobblet with the co[ver] one cuppe of sil^y with the cover percell gilte made after the fasshion of a glasse my silver peice

¹ The finding of the inquisition held at Wigan shortly after the death of Sir Thomas Langton, 11th Eliz., was that Leonard Langton in his life had issue male, viz., Thomas Langton, "solum et primum filium suum," by Anne his wife, and after that Leonard in the lifetime of his father died. The original inquisition being mutilated it is from Kuerden's abstract in the Chetham Library that we find Thomas to have been eight years of age at the death of his grandfather. He was contracted in his nonage to Margaret daughter of Richard Sherburne of Stonyhurst, from whom he was divorced by sentence of the Consistory at York, 25th June, 1580, on the ground that the marriage was made "in impubertate dicti Thomæ nec pubertate adveniente per ipsum Thomam ratificatum sed potius idem matrimonium reclamantem." He married the same year, being then nineteen, Elizabeth second daughter of Sir John Savage of Clifton, in the county of Chester, who was born in 1552, and was therefore nine years his senior (Sir P. Leycester, *History of Chester*.) In the year 1589 (32nd Eliz.) he was concerned in a fatal affray at Lea Hall when Mr. Hoghton was slain, and it is supposed that he made his peace with that family by ceding to them his Manor of Walton-in-le-dale.

He was sworn a Burgess of Preston at the Guild Merchant of 1602. He was a Knight of the Bath at the coronation of James the First, and died 20th February, 1604, without issue, when Richard Fleetwood, eldest son of Thomas Fleetwood his cousin succeeded as heir of entail. Dodsworth preserves a record of the following tablet originally placed in Wigan church but which had been removed to Duxbury Hall.

"To oblivion.

"And y^e due bones of Sir Tho^s Langton of y^e Hon^{ble} order of y^e Bathe Knt. Baron of Newton Mackersfeld y^e last of his name and y^e undoubted patron of this church descended from a most ancient famous and farre renowned family of Langton of Leicestershire who some times were of great authority both in y^e Church and Commonwealth of this kingdome and for y^e space of 300 yeres have flourished in this county. A gentleman y^e many times tuggd wth extremityes and made warre with y^e worst of misfortunes &c. He departed this lief in y^e Citty of Westminster 20 Feby. 1604 when he had lyved 44 yeres and lyes buried nere y^e high altar in St. Peter's Church adjoyning to y^e Abbey."

In the inquisition taken four years after his death, that event is said to have taken place at Newton.

powncyd one powncyd sil^v playte one drinkinge cuppe of sil^v with two handell^e two of my best sil^v saltes gilden and theire covers one doson of the best sil^v sp[oons] whereof one to be gilden one sil^v pece ungilted the two greate brassen pott^e in the kitchinge one greate copper panne with all manⁿ of lead^e know to with wayne ploughe and all other instrument^e [belonging] to husbundrye and all my harneye and armor To M^r John fletewodde¹ my son in lawe ten pound^e my best horse or geldinge save To my sonne Edward² one hundreth mark^e toward^e his p^rfermente of

¹ Vide pedigree of Fleetwood, Chetham Society, vol. xxx.

² Of Edward, the younger son of Sir Thomas Langton, little is known. Beside the bequest made to him by his father we find in the inquisition post mortem 11th Eliz. that 20th March 1st Mary (1554), Sir Thomas Langton granted by charter to John Atherton Knight, John Osbaldiston, John Talbot, John Kocheyn a certain annuity or yearly rent of £10 Os. 1d. to be received and taken from messuages and tenements in Walton, to have and to hold to the use of "Edwardi Langton filii junioris prefati Thome Langton militis" for life.

A further provision was made for Edward by charter, dated 31st March 11th Elizabeth 1569, in which John Woodecock of Walton-in-le-Dale and George Eastham of the same place, yeoman, were enfeoffed of messuages, lands and hereditaments in Bretherton, in Preston, Walton, Cuerden, Billington, Lawton, Newton, &c., to secure an annuity of xx^s, "ad opus et usum Edwardi Langton filii sui predicti Thome Langton militis."

After Sir Thomas Langton's death the jurors find that Edward was living in Preston, and they stated his age, but at this point the inquisition is mutilated, and Kuerden's abstract (where we find the age of the heir) does not give that of Edward. He was recorded at the Preston Guild of 1562 after the name of Sir Thomas Langton as "filius ejus." In the 12th Elizabeth (1569-70) Anne, widow of Sir Thomas Langton, brought against him a writ of dower, and recovered against him her thirds, upon which he had entered.

At the Guild of 1582 he was recorded as "filius Thome Langton militis defuncti," and was alive 28th Elizabeth 1585-6, when he sued Adam Bushell, who occupied the lands in Cuerden settled upon him by his father, and who had got possession of the title deeds.

The surmise that Edward, being the son of Anne Talbot, might also be the same as Edward the father of Roger Langton, afterwards of Broughton Tower, who was sworn stattinger at the Preston Guild of 1582, derives some support from the circumstance of Roger's eldest son William taking a Talbot as his crest at the hands of Wm. Ryley, Norroy in 1657; but proofs of Edward's age, marriage, and death are

lyvinge Unto Marie Wynstanley¹ my doughter one hundreth mark
 To my doughter Anne Boolde one hundreth pounde To Katheryn
 my yongest doughter toward her pferment in mariage the some of
 ... hundred pounde when she shall [come] to mariage or to th'adge of
 twentie one yeres To my brother Wifm L.² ten pounde To my son
 fletewodde his children that ys to saye two sonnes and vj doughters
 to evye of them ffourtye shillinges To my cosyn Richard Boolde
 sixe po[unde] thirtene shillinges ffoure pen^e To my cosyn Henrie
 twentie pounde To my cosyn Thomas Boolde tenne
 poundes To my cosyns Elizabethe Boolde and Alice B[oolde]
 toward their pferment and amendement of lyvinge to eyther of
 them sixe pou[nde] thirtene shillinges ffoure pen^e To E.
 Rissheton in recompence of her wage ffor her longe service done
 ffourtie pou[nde] To Thomas Edmondson my pst one annuytie of
 ffourtie shillinges duringe the terme of ffoure yeres nexte after my
 disceasse To my welbeloued servaunte Petur farrington in recom-
 pence of his wages and longe service one annuytie of ffourtie
 shillinges [for four years] To my servaunte Edmund Burscoo one
 annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [for four years] To my welbeloued
 [servaunte] Wifm Banester one annuytie of thirtene shillinges
 ffoure pen^e [as before] To Jane Banaster³ wiff of saide Wifm
 [one] annuytie of twentie shyllinges [as before] To my welbeloued
 servaunte James one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as
 before] To my tru[stie] servaunte George Estome⁴ one annuytie of

wanting, and the continuator of the pedigree in the copy of the Visitation of 1567 (*Harl. MSS.* No. 1549) treats him as being without issue.

¹ Mary had a grant of an annuity from her father in the year 5th and 6th Philip and Mary. She was living at Wigan 11th Eliz.

² William Langton was living at Walton 11th Eliz. A charter granted to him by his brother was given in evidence at the inquisition post mortem.

³ September, 34th Henry VIII. (1542). Sir Thomas granted to Joan Stanley then his servant an annuity of 20s. She was the wife of William Banester and was living at Bretherton 11th Eliz. Inquisition post mortem.

⁴ George Eastham, along with John Woodcock, was a trustee in the settlement of

twe[ntie] sixe shillinges eighte penç [as before] To my servaunte
 Wifm his service one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges
 [as before] To my trustie servaunte Richard B. one
 annuitie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] [To] Thomas Howcarre¹
 my servaunte one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my
 welbeloued servaunte Richard Aynesworthe in recompence of his
 service one annuytie of twentie sixe shillinges eighte penç [as before]
 To my trustie servaunte Wifm Stretbarell one annuytie of twentie
 sixe shillinges eighte penç [as before] To my servaunte John
 one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my servaunts
 Wifm Browne Henrye Wilkinson Raff Walmysley James Wal-
 mysley and Leighe [each] one annuitie of twentie
 shillinges [as before] To my welbeloued servaunte Richard
 one annuytie of twentie sixe shillinges eighte penç [as before]
 Braithwait in recompence of his paynes taken at my
 comaunde ffiftie three shillinges ffoure penç To my trustie servaunte
 Edward Toogood one annuytie of twentie shillinges [as before] To
 my servaunte Olyver Crichelowe one annuytie of ffyve shillinges
 [as before] To my servaunte Edward Award twentie shillinges
 To my servaunte Wifm Cowper twentie shillinges To my welbe-
 loved ffrende Ewan of Preston one annuytie of twentie
 shillinges [as before] To Elizabeth Caterowe [or Calerowe] widoo
 and Alice her daughter one annuytie of thirtie shillinges [as before]
 [To everie] one of my howseholde workemen at husbandrye the
 some of thirtene shillinges penç and to evy ploughe boye
 and other boyes servinge within my house sixe shillingç eighte penç
 To evy woman servaunte within [my house] the some of ten

31st March, 1567, on Edward Langton. Ar. Eastham and Richard his son had an
 annuity of 40s. granted to him by Sir Thomas Langton 25th April, 35th Henry VIII.
 1543. Richard Eastham was living at Walton 11th Eliz.

¹ Or Horscarr.

For the notes to Sir Thomas Langton's will the Editor is indebted to Mr. William
 Langton, the Honorary Secretary of the Chetham Society.

shillings in amendementes of their wages [My] executor^e shall distribute upon the poore people suche as be impotent b [the five lines which follow are so much decayed and torn as to be illegible] will ys that my saide executour^e sh. ffrende M^r Justice Carus and M^r Justice Walshe unto eyther of them xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d remembraunce when I am departide owte of this liff trustinge they this my desire to be supvisors of this my last will My executor^e shall haue duringe the saide terme of ffoure yeres evy one of them sixe pounce thirtene shillings ffoure pen^e ffor remembraunce sake when I am gone And [the] reasydue of all my good^e rent^e &c. duryng [the] saide terme of ffoure yeres I geve to my saide executor^e to use and bestowe as they shall thinke In witnes &c. I the said Th[omas] Langton knyghte haue set my hand and seale of armes the daye and yere ffirste above written In the Gervase Kitson Galfride Braithwaite Robt Shirburne p me Johñem Parker p me Thomas P^oscotte.

THE WILL OF THOMAS RIXTON OF
GREAT SANKEY, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 16 January 1539 [1539-40] I Thomas Ryxton of Myche Sonke in the countye of Lancast^r gentylman holl in my mynde &c. My body to be buryede in the piche churche of Warynton in the chapell on the soweth syde of the churche called

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Margery, daughter of Nicholas Butler base brother of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knight, and had issue Thomas his son and heir who married Anne daughter of John Eccleston of Eccleston Esq., Stephen, Edward, Dorothy, Margaret, and Anne who married John Massey of Whickleswick gent. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 82.

Ryxton chapell I bequeth my mortuarye accordyng unto the kyng^e act^e theroff made I wyll y^t my dought^r Dorathe shall haue iiij kye and ij heffurs wiche bene hir awne pper goode of and besyde hir chyllys parte of goode To Thomas Ryxton myn eldest sone all howeseholde stuffe as is in the hall that ys to whete all bourdes formes and trestyll^e the cupborde handeiron^e hengyng^e skrene and all suche excepte the vessell oppon the skrene Also a cart a plough and a harrowe with all the harnes therunto belongyng and iiij of my capull^e [?] to drawe h^e ploughe that is to wete Norman Gryme Hob and Bay so y^t the seide Thom^s my sone be luffyng and kynde unto my wyffe and chyl dren and yf he do deale unkyndlye w^t them then yt is my wyll y^t my wyffe haue all the goode before bequest to the [said] Thom^s toward^e the mariage^s of my doughters I wyll y^t iiij torches be made of my awne goode agaynst [my] buryall and y^t at^t I be buryede ij of the seide torches shall be delyv^yth unto the churche of Weryngton and other too to the chapell of Farneworth Where I haue grantede unto my too yonger sonnes Stevyn and Edward^e to either of them xx^s of annuetie goyng oute of all my land^e in Weryngton Mych Sonkye and Penkith I wyll y^t the seide Stevyn and Edward^e shall haue the annuetie duryng theire lyff^e I wyll y^t Margery my wyffe shall haue the custody of the seide ded^e and receyde the seide annueties unto suche tyme as they shall come to the age of xvjth yeres toward^e theire fyndyng I bequethe the residue of my goode unto Marge my wyffe and my ij doughters Dorathe and Margareth toward^e theire mariage^s I make Marge my wyffe and Stevyn my son my executors and my good mast^r Sir Thomas Butler Knyght John Assheley Thomas Sonky Esquyres and Antony Colwiche gentilman ov^eseers of this my wyll besekyng them to see y^t my wyffe and chyl dren be not ov^e pressede The beyng wytnesse Thom^s Bradshawe Wifftm Hardeman the elder Wifftm Sefton Wifftm Hardeman the yong^r and others.

THE WILL OF ANNE BECKE OF MANCHESTER,
WIDOW.¹

IN the &c. 17 June 1578 I Anne Becke late weif of Thomas Becke of Manchester widowe make this my last will &c. My bodie to be buried in Jesus chappell nere to my husband To Thomas Becke his heires and assignes sonne of Robert B. late of Manchester all that third pte of the land in the Deansgate called the orchard and housinge thereupon builded w^{ch} I latlie purchased uppon condiçon that the said Thomas B. shall allowe unto me tenne pounds w^{ch} I doe owe him for pt of his childe pt of goods If the said Thomas B. will not allowe the said sūme of tenne pounde then I give the said land and housinge unto Nicholas B. my sonne and to his heires uppon condiçon that the said Nicholas B. shall paie unto the said Thomas B. tenne pounde for mee To Nicholas B. my sonne all my tables borde and formes in the hall wth the cupbord and the pewter thereuppon To my said sonne Nicholas B. all my greate lead standing in frames paienge for them as they be priced unto To my doughter Cicilie Holland one silver girdle To my doughter Anne Houghton one other silver girdle To Richard Hunt two of my greatest pewter dishes and two of the lesser sort of pewter dishes in the chamber and a great spitt To Anne Hunt for her paynes takinge wth me vj^{li} xij^s viij^d I give evy one of my sonne Nicholas B. children iij^s iiij^d a pece To Thomas B. sonne of Robert Becke one great pott in the kitchin To Adam Byrom my

¹ Proved Feb. 10, 1579 [1579-80]. Anne, widow of Thomas Beck of Manchester, had issue Robert, whose will is dated 17th December 1556; Nicholas Beck, buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 14th November 1581; Mary, wife of Henry Byrom of Salford; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Hunt; Cicely, who married first Adam Byrom of Salford, and secondly James Holland of Salford, clothier; and Anne, wife of Humfrey Houghton of Manchester, clothier.

doughter Cicilie sonne vj^s viij^d To John Houghton my doughter sonne vj^s viij^d To Sibell my sonnes ser^vnt vj^s viij^d if my good^e will extend to doe the same It is my will that Nicholas Becke [and] his heires shall have a certen rent pchased of Wylm Strangwaies Esquier and goenge out of the land at the Sude Hill and is the sūme of xvij^s yerelie [and] the rent w^{ch} I purchased joyntlie wth John Glover of Thomas Tetlowe w^{ch} is ij^s yerelie goenge out of the land in the Deansgate nowe in the holdinge of me the said Anne B. To my doughter Cicilie my great chest in the plure paienge for the same as it is priced unto To my doughter Houghton my other great chest paienge for it as it is priced unto After my funerall charges and debt^e paid I give my good^e remayninge amongeste my said children equallie to be devided. I make my welbeloved and trustie frend Thomas Birche gen^t to whom for his paynes I give xl^s and my sonne Nicholas B. my executors And to be o^vseers I doe constitute &c. my welbeloved sonne in lawe Homfrey Haughton and Ric. Hunt gen^t In witnes &c. in the pⁿce &c. Ric. Hunt James Holland Robert Byrom Laurance Byrom.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM KENNYON OF
MANCHESTER, GENT.¹

IN the name &c. 28 Maye 1572 I Wylm Kenyon of Manchester gentylman sicke in bodie &c. To be buried within the pishe church of Prestwiche (yf I dye within the countye of Lancaster) soe nere unto the place where my ffather was buried as myn executors convenyentlye can and if I dye not within the countye palantyn then to be buried by the dicrea^cōn of my said

¹ Proved 21st June, 1572.

executors where it shall fortune me to dye And whereas I have graunte of oure so^vaigne ladie the quenes ma^{tie} under hir grac^e seale of hir duchie of Lancaster by indenture 10 Feb. 13 of her hignes reigne one lease of all the ffynes issues am^ocyament^e and other fforfeytures within the countye palantyne of Lancaster ffor the terme of xxixth yeares yett to come yt ys my will that my brother Thomas Kenneyon nowe app^ontice in Handburowe and my brother Mychaell Kenneyon nowe of Barnard^e Inne shalhave after my deathe my same lease and the profitte thereof accordinge to the laste will of my ffather Wyllm Kenneyon late disceassed and all other my leases of tythes chauntree land^e or any other pffitte within the countye of Lancaster or Chester ffor their educa^on and bringinge uppe and for the dischargde of suche debt^e and bequest^e as were either given and owinge by the laste will of my said ffather Wyllm K. or by this my laste will My said brethren Thomas and Mychaell shall have my in^ost and righte of the offyce of the clarkeshippe of the peace duryng the liffe of Barnarde Rondolphe of whome I have a deputa^on of the said offyce ffor terme of [his] lyff And whereas the same deputa^on hath in yt the names of M^r Alexand^r Rigbye and M^r Robart Shawe by reason whereof they joynete graunttees wth me and my bretheren which was done for noe other purpose but onely for the saiffie of suche somes of money as they were boounden for me to the same Barnarde Rondolphe and those beinge dischargde to surrend^r agayne their righte therein to me and my brethren And for so muche as ther ys noe surrend^r made of their righte therein to me and my brethren synce the dischargde of the said boounde to the same Rondolphe therefore I thoughte it goodde to sette thus muche fforthe in this my laste will to that ende my said executors mighte knowe in whatte sorte their said names came into the said deputa^on and the trewthe thereof And as I dowte not but that the said M^r Rigbye and M^r Shawe wilbe redye at all tymes to surrend^r their said^e righte to my executors for the same even soe yt ys my will

that my executors shall suffer the said M^r R. and M^r S. to receive suche fees as were assingined to theym by the laste will of my ffather Wyllm K. yf the same M^r R. and M^r S. wilbe contented to see the dischargd of all thinge touchehinge the same office as they have done in my tyme and that they shall also have all suche arrearage as are behynde of their fees I gyve unto my brethren Thomas K. and Mychaell K. all my goodd^e plate juels debt^e and other thinge [for] the dischargd of the laste will of Wyllm K. my ffather and of this my laste will I gyve to the repaire of Prest-witche church the some of twentye shealinge and other twentie shealinge to the repaire of Manchester church To my servante Andrewe Worthington one whoole yeares wagge over and besides suche wagge as I am indebted unto hym my gray nagge whiche I ryde on my saddill brydell boot^e spurres my cloike not ffurred my beste blacke coote my beste dowblet my beste hoose and too of my beste shirt^e my beste cappe my beste bagge and girdle and twoe of my beste hande kevercheffe or at his eleccon my grey geldinge and the ffurnytur belongynge unto hym Yt ys my will that the same Andrewe shalhave if he doe remayne with my executors and serve theym as he hath done me heretofore the one half of all suche money as shall come by waye of pledge fee upon indytament^e durynge suche tyme as the same Andrewe shall remayne with theym and of the other moytie shall make a trewe accompte to my executors yearely from tyme to tyme My executors shall yearely gyve unto myn olde servaunte Wyllm Cocker duringe the liff of hym and his wiff and the longer lyver of theym the some of eighte shealinge in respecte of suche paynes and travell as he and she hath taken with me and for the dischargd and paymente of their rente Every one of my s^rvaunte that hath gathered the grenewax money for me uppon his accompte after my deathe shall have (the same beinge trewlye and justlye made) one yeares wagge and a blacke coote and otherwise nothings Wyllm Rede shalhave uppon his accompte

trewly made to my executors the some of ffourtye shealinge To everye one of the servantꝝ and apprentycꝝ nowē inhabytyngē at Hughe Thorppē the some of thre shealinge foure pence and to Cicilye Lorde at suche tyme as she ys maryed a cowe and a calf and unto Hughe Thorppe and his wiff either of theym an olde angell for remembraunce To my servante Roger Kenneyon yearly for the space of twenty yeaes (if so longe he do lyve) the some of threttyne shealinge foure pence in respecte of his longe service and paynes And whereas I am bounden to paye unto M^r Assheton of Leyver twelve poundꝝ threttyne shealinge foure pence yearly for the pfittꝝ of my said lease for certayne yeaes yet to come yt ys my will that my executors (after th'ende of the said yeaes be expyred) shall yearly paie unto my brother Edwarde K. for the space of twenty yeaes thre poundꝝ six shealinge eighte pence and to my brother X^pofer K. for the like terme fourtye shealinge And if it ffortune either my said brother Thomas K. or my brother Mychaell K. to dye within the space of two yeaes next after my deathe so that my whoole lease shall come unto the one as survyvor yt ys my will that my executor then survyvinge shall gyve to everye one of the sonnes of Richarde Kenneyon my oldeste brother ffourtie shealinge and to everye one of his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother X^pofer K. his sonnes ffourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother in lawe Thomas Gidlowe his sonnes fourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother in lawe Lawrence ffogge his sonnes ffourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my syster Gidlowe and my syster ffogge tooe of my beste golde ringe with either a stone in for a remembraunce To the poore within the towne of Manchester and Salforde ffourtye shealinge My executors shall suffer my servante Roger Kenneyon to doo under theym in all thinge as heretofore he hath done under me so longe as he wilbe therewth contented and that he shall have all suche wagꝝ and fees as heretofore he hath byn

accustomed to have at my hande To Raulf Hopwoodde and Stephen Browne either of theym an old angell for a remembraunce of their olde paynes To Jamys Hunte servante to Roger Bexwicke six shealinge eighte pence and unto every childe I am godfather unto tooe shealinge To twelve poore men to be pyked owte in Manchester and Salford twelve rugge gownes To the curate of Manchester three shealinge foure pence a peece To the vycars twoe shealinge To the deacons twelve pence And for my bringynge fourthe I referre to the goodde consideraçon of my supvysors M^r Hogekeynson of Preston shalhave my ffawchyn w^{ch} afore I have pmyssed hym and a velvet waste girdle for the same Yt ys my will that myn awne m^r Edwarde Tyldisley Esquier shalhave my instrumente w^{ch} I have lente hym so that he leave the same to his sonne Thoms after his deathe and that M^rgarate Tildisley my goddoughter shalhave my beste Jemewe ryng of golde My ffrende M^r Richardson of Myrescoghe shalhave my beste clooke ffurred for a remembraunce betwixte hym and me M^r Radclif of Langley shalhave my gilte halbard and my crabtree staffe wth a horne uppon the head All other my goodde I gyve to my said brethren Thomas and Mychaell [the] executors of this my will and doe humblye requyre and hertely besecke my worshippfull ffrende Edward Tyldisley Esquier my dere ffrende M^r Richard Radcliff of Longley M^r Alexander Rigbye M^r Robert Shawe M^r Thomas Chaterton M^r Wyllm Baguley and my servante Andrewe Worthington to be supvysors and my said supvysors shalhave everye one of theym for their paynes ffourtye shealinge In wytnes &c. I have subscribed my name and sett my seale the daie and yeare firste above menconed.

Wyllm Kenyon.

Wytnes &c. Thomas Towneley signū manuale Henriç Barcroft + Wyllm Duskebery signū manuale Henriç Risshton + Roger Aspden and others.

THE WILL OF ANTHONY MOLYNEUX, RECTOR
OF SEPHTON AND WALTON.¹

IN the name &c. I Antony Molyneux pson of Sefton in the countye of Lanċ beyng of pfect mynde &c. My bodye to be buried at Sefton (yf I dept there) in the chauncell wⁱⁿ ij yardē where my suster Ireland was buried on her right syde All my debtē to be payd and what other awe to me hit shall appere by a lyttell byll annexed to this my wyll I desire S^r Ryċ Molyneux knyght my m^r and patrone and my brother in lawe Laurence Ireland squier to be my executors gevyng theym fulle auctorytye and power w^{out} scruple of conseyence to adde to mynysshe and chaunge any pt of this my wyll at there pleasure as they shall thinke most mette and convenyent And ffor their paynes I beqwethe to ayther of [them] xl^s and to y^e said M^r Molyneux the best garnyshe of pew[?] y^t I have and to my brother Ireland my syl[?] pece y^t my sist^r Ireland bequethed me and a gylt sponē And I wyll y^t M^r Antony Molyneux my godd son shall have halfe my booke of devynyte and all my s^rmondē wrytten of my awne hande bothe Englysshe s^rmondē and s^rmondē in Laten and Baptist y^e other halfe I wyll my bodye to be buried as shortely and so hastely afte^r my decease as my executors conveyentlye maye And I wyll have no monethe mynde but what so ev[?] shalbe done to be done or spent y^e daye of my buryall And as conc[?]nyng dylapidaċōns ffor Sefton consideringe y^t I have made so greatt costē of y^e chauncell and revestre and at y^e psonage and at all barnes stables and other there I thinke my successors cannot in conseyence requyer any dylapidaċōns ffor Sefton And as conc[?]nyng

¹ No date of probate. Anthony Molyneux was instituted to the rectory of Walton, near Liverpool 4th August 1543. His successor, Anthony Molyneux, was instituted 8th September 1557. — Baines's *Lanc.* vol. iv. p. 42.

The testator's name is not in Baines's list of the rectors of Sephton.

dilapidacons ffor Walton consideringe Mr Molyneux my patrone and executor and Sr Wiſſm Molyneux knyght deceased his late ffather beyng my ffarmer of the tythes of Walton have had myche pffett by me therof synce I was made pson there also y^t I had at y^e instannce and arbytrament of y^e said Sr Wiſſm Molyneux knyght not above eght pounce of y^e executors of my pdecessor of Walton ffor delapidacons there I trust y^t the said Mr Molyneux my executor and patrone wyll take suche ord^r and dyrecion y^t he and myne other executor shalbe intreted accordyngly Also where as I had certeyn stuffe of my said syst^r Ireland whose saule God pdon the ptyclers wherof apperith in a byll of myne awne hande and also Omfrey Hunt knowith y^e same the said stuff shalbe delyved to my brother Ireland aft^r my decease In wytuis wherof to this my last wyll I have subscrybett my name w^t my awne hande and sett to my seall in y^e psence of Edmund Molyneux of Maghull Sr Henry ffazakerley Oswolde Amerson Thom̄s Johnson and Humfrey Hunt y^e 13th of October 1553.

THE WILL OF GRACE SOUTHWORTH,
WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 22 August 1561 I Grace Suthwoorthe late wiefe of Harry S. of Midleton in the countie of Lanċ gent deceased beinge of good &c. My bodye to be buried in the pishe churche at Winwicke My will is that wheras my said husband at his deptynge gave unto me all his pte of goodē to myne owne pp use

¹ Proved in 1573. The Southworths of Southworth and Samlesbury, having large estates in the former township, long continued to be buried at Winwick, their original parish church. No monuments exist. This member of the family does not occur in any of the pedigrees.

(and as yet not devyded) that the same goodde shalbe devided into three ptes one to remayne unto my two daughters Ellen S. and Alice S. and th'other two ptes w^{ch} remayne to myselfe shalbe bestowed as hereafter shalbe expressed To my soñe Thomas S. one yoke of oxen one gelding or els one mare the best fether bed in the howse two bolsters one pellowe two covlettē two blankettē one covinge and one payre of flaxen sheetē of the best sorte and one aker of barlye To Alice S. my yonger daughter fyve poundē To Anne Houghton and Grace Houghton daughters of Robarte H. either of them xx^s To Jane Whitell my daughter iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Anne Eden wiefe of Peter Eden my daughter three busshellē of otes and three bushellē of barlye To Thomas Whitell my eldest soñe [a] dublet of buckes lether w^{ch} was my husbandē and one girkin To Thomas Eden one cowe calfe To Jane Penketē my god daughter one yew and one lambe To Elizabeth Molynex wiefe of Thomas Molynex one payre of brode flaxen sheetē and that she shall deliv^r the same to her daughter Jane Penketē in and upon the daye of her maryage To my daughters Ellen and Alice either one payre of bedstockes wth the hangingē and the rest of bedstockē wth the hangingē to remayne to my sonne Thomas To Grace Pye my daughter one mattresse one bolster two covlettē one payre of canvas sheetē and one red peticote To Jane Whitell one gowne lyned wth worsted one whyte peticote and my best hatt To my daughter Alice S. my best gowne and my best peticote To my daughter Jane Whytell one mattresse one bolster two covlettē and [a] payre of canvas sheetē And all the rest of my goodē &c. moveable I geve unto Alice S. and Ellen S. my two daughters by even portions so that my executors doe take uppe for my fūllall and debte accordinge to th'order and custome of the contrey And I constitute my executors Thomas Molynex gent Thurstan Suthwoorthe gent Thomas S. my sonne and Sir Richard Paivall priest And I desyre my right Worship^{full} m^r Sir

John Suthwoorthe Knyght¹ to be supvisour Witnes &c. Thomas Jackson priest Edwarde Houghton and [sic] Henwoorthe wth others Iŕm I geve to Thomas Bradshawe so muche whyte to make him a coote.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BOWARE.²

IN the name &c. I Robart Boware clerke perfate in mynd &c. My boddye to be burreed wythin the chauncell of Saynt Johns under the stonis afore the blessed sacrament My will is that my lord bushope by the way of charetye and for Gode sake helpe to burye me and of my fre wyll bequeth unto hym an old angell noble to remember me in his prayer That Master Deane to have v^s and all the cannōs and petye canons and all other menesters of the same church shall be at my burryall and the cannōs iij^s iiij^d the pece and the petye canons xx^d a pece and to the gospeller and the pesteller xx^d the pece and to the candokē xij^d a pece and to the master of the chelderne xij^d and to the queresters and the bedmen vj^d a pece All such prestē of the cyttye as shalbe at my berreall shall have viij^d a pece and everrye paresch clarke vj^d and the clarke of Seant Johns iij^s iiij^d My executors shall cause to be mayd v taupers of waxe of the weght of everre tauper fore pound and the same tapers to be lyght everre Sondaye and holle daye at matens masse and evensong so long as they shall endure To v pore folkes to praye for my solle at the place of my berreall Sondaye and Frydaye thre [there] knelling during the tyme of the masse for the space of one holle yere after my berreall everre one of them penie a pece I bequath x^{li} to be

¹ This is the well known recusant of the family mentioned by Strype and others who married at Middleton Church, July 23rd, 1547, Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Assheton, knight.—*Lanc. MSS.*, vol. iii. p. 231. He ob. in 1596.

² Proved September 14, 1554.

geven to poure folke at the daye of my burreall at Seant Johns by penie a pece To Elsabeth Meyre xvjs viij^d and to Elsabeth Wade vjs viij^d To my susters doghters syxe pounde xij^s iiij^d the wych my executors shall delyver to M^r Bucksaye that he shall delyver to my sayd susters doghters at such tyme as they come to yers of descrecyone or marryage To the making of the haven xl^s Unto my cosyne Bucksaye my bassen and my laver and my second gounne and a tippet To Margaret Crue wyddowe syxe pounde xij^s iiij^d To Syre Peter Blake my serplese and a cape To Master Masse xl^s To Alles Worsle xx^s To Alles Crue vjs viij^d To Peter Garrard syxe pounde xij^s iiij^d the w^{ch} I wyll that my executors shall delyver to the hande of Marget Crue to the use of the sayd Peter To Richard Lowe xl^s To Wylllyame Strenger xx^d To my god chelderne xij^d a pece To the petye cannons viij selver sponys To Thomas Foxe xx^s To Hugh Haghtone iij^s iiij^d To Thomas Barnis during his lyf my lease of the orchat of Seant Johns dyscharging the rente of the sayd lease To Margaret Crue wyddowe my lease of the garden at Seant Johns during her lyf descharing the rent therof I bequeth to my brother Arther Bower my advossone of the vekerech of Boltone in the Morrys to the youse of Syre Houmfre Boyere or Syr Edward Garnet yf he shall thinke most expedient when yt shall shance to falle To Rychard Newall vjs viij^d and one of my gounys To John Hanke v^s and one of my gounes To M^r Plankne my best gune I gyve to Seant Johns Church one of my quere bocke I gyve more to my brotherenlaye Wylllyame Lennecare xxvj^s viij^d The rest of all my goodde and monye I gyve frellie to my brother Arther whom w^t my brotherinlaye Wylllyame Lennecar I constetude myne executors so that the sayd Arther shall dyscharge in all man^r of shutte the sayd Wylllyame Lennecare and forther I bequeth to M^r Buckse my satten dublet and to Elsabeth Wayd my red mantell and I make over sears M^r John Masse clerke of the parresh of Seant Johns and Nycolas Buckse one of the premenders [*sic*] of the cathedrall

church of Chryst and oure laddye Rychard Newall tanner Wrytene in Chester the last daye of August in the fyrst and second yere of Phelipe and Mare by the grace of God king and quen of England [&c.] And forther my wyll ys that my seayd brother Arther shall be ruled in all thinge ressonable by my overseers and yf he wyll not then I wyll that my oversears shall rulle both hyme and my goodē according to ther descrecyone Thes being present in wytnes per me Rychard Lowe per me John Masse clerke per me Nycolas Bucksey¹ clerke per me Jhon Hanke per me Thomas Barnis per me Jasper Grymsdych.

THE WILL OF DAME MARY EGERTON
OF ASTBURY, WIDOW.²

IN the name of God amen The 18 Oct. 1597 I Dame Marye Egerton late of Rydley in the countie of Chester widdowe of S^r Richard E. knight decessed being of good mynde &c. ffirst I comēd my soule and spirite into the mīcīfull handes of Almighty God my eternall creator and redeemer in whose fayth &c. and my body when yt shall please God to appoynt the tyme to Christian buriall at the discreōn of my executors And whereas Rauffe Egerton of Rydley esquier sonne of the sayd S^r Richard E. knight and me the sayd Dame Marye together wth Roger Puleston of Emerall in the county of fflynt esquier George Ravenscrofte of Bretton

¹ Nicholas Bucksie M.A., Prebendary of Chester 4th August 1541, died in 1566.

² Proved August 1599. Mary, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq., married first Thomas Leigh of Adlington Esq., and secondly Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., by whom she had issue Ralph Egerton her son and heir, William, and Dorothy wife of Richard Brereton of Tatton and Worsley Esq. She died 26th March 1599, and was buried at Astbury. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 162-3, 333.

in the county of flynt esquier and John Grosvenor of Tussingh^m in the county of Chester gentleman have by their dede 1 October 26 Elizabeth graunted amongst other thinge to Thom̄s Wilbrah^m of Woodhey esquier and Rauffe Ravenscrofte of Bolles in the county of flynt gentleman and to their heires all their manno^{rs} messuage &c. in Cle dell als Wordell Bunbury Calveley Wymynch^m als Wynch^m Bursley als Burwardesley aud Astbury in the county of Chester and in the towne of the Holte als the towne of Lyons and in Alyngton als Trevalyn wthin the lordship of Bromesfield and Yale in the county of Denbigh and the manor and wthin the county of Staff and all lands colemynes &c. w^{ch} the sayd Roger Puleston and John Grosvenor lately had of guifte &c. of Sir Rauffe Egerton knight to the use of the sayd Dame Mary E. for life and after her decease to the sayd Rauffe E. and [his] heires male And where also the sayd Rauffe E. hath by his deede 13 September 29 Elizabeth graunted to the sayd Thomas W. and Rauffe R. two closures of lande the one called the Pavement crofte and th'other a medowe adioyninge in the towne of Lyons als Holte and two closures called the Little Weyrhookke and Akrey Hirion in Alyngton als Trevalyn to th'use of the sayd Dame Mary E. [as before] I doe give &c. the above men^coedd p^mises [to] the sayd Rauffe Egerton esquier for life and after [his] deceasse to Richard Egerton sonne and heire apparent of the sayd Rauff E. esquier and to [his] heires males and for defalte &c. to Rauffe E. second sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier and for defalte &c. to Thomas E. thrid sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier and for &c. to the right heires of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier for ever I give to the sayd Rauffe E. esquier the rev^con of one messuage in Prestbury late the inheritance of John Bouthe deceassed and now in the tenure of Lawrence Hyde to have &c. for ever And whereas by indenture 10 Sep . . Elizabeth made betweene me the sayd Dame Marye E. of t'hone pte and my sonne Thom̄s Leigh of Adlington esquier sonne and heire apparent of

Thom̄s L. late of Adlington esquier deceased of th'other pte it was amongst other thinge agreed that the sayd Thomas L. and Sybill¹ his wyfe at th'assises next to be houlden wthin the county of Chester should convey the mannor of Prestbury and the rectory and psonage of Prestbury and all messuag^e teythes &c. to th'use of me the sayd Dame Mary E. for the terme of three score yeares yf I the sayd Dame Mary should soe long lyve and after to th'use of the sayd Thom̄s Leigh his heires &c. [Power is here granted to Dame Mary E. to demise for three lives or twenty one years after her death the portions of tithes hereafter mentioned] That ys to wytt all the teythe corne and hay of Oulde Wythyngton now valued at iiij^{li} p ann^ũ of Chelforde now valued at iiij^{li} p ann^ũ the teythe corne of Ranowe now valued at xl^s p ann^ũ of Hurdesfield now valued at xxij^s p ann^ũ of Bollyngton now valued at vij^{li} p ann^ũ of Bosley and Rode now valued at viij^{li} p ann^ũ the teythe corne and hay of Marton now valued at xv^{li} p ann^ũ of the Milnehouse now valued at xxvj^s viij^d p ann^ũ of Astle now valued at liij^s iiij^d p ann^ũ and of Wythyngton now valued at xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d p ann^ũ (the teythe corne of 2teyn lande in Ranowe called Spewley and of 2teyn lande and tent^e in Bollington in th'occupacōn of Thom̄s Greene alwayes excepted) And where alsoe by indenture 10 September 23 Elizabeth betwene me the sayd Dame Marye E. of the first pte and Thomas Leigh esquier of the second pte and Roger Puleston of Emrall esq^r and Rauffe E. of Rydley esquier of the thrid pte the sayd Thomas did graunte unto the sayd Roger P. and Rauffe E. one yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^s yssuyng out of one teñte called Leighes ffarme and out of all the lande &c. of the sayd Thomas Leigh in Mouldsdale als Mouldesdale sometyme in the tennure of Richard Grosvenor gentleman deceased late in the tennure of Rauffe Ravenscrofte gentleman or of John Wynne gentleman to have &c. [The same power as before granted to the testatrix] Nowe I the sayd Dame Marye E.

¹ Sybill, daughter of Sir Urian Brereton of Hondford Knt.

beyng determined to dispose aswell all the sayd sevall porcions of
 teythes of corne and hay in Ould Wythynghon &c. as also the sayd
 yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^s according to the power given unto me by
 the sayd sevall provisoers doe graunt the sayd yearely rent of xxij^{li}
 x^s and the sayd porcions of teythes in such mann^r as hereafter ys
 declared &c. I give to Willelm Grosvenor one of my s^rvunt^s xxvj^s
 viij^d pcell of the sayd yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^s duringe his lyfe To
 John Newton now my s^rvunt twenty shilling^e duringe his lyfe To
 my cosyn Rauffe Leigh yongest sonne of the sayd Thomas Leigh
 esquier tenne pownde duringe his lyfe And further I requyre the
 sayd Rauffe E. and Richard E. as they will answer me before God
 that they shall yearely pmitt Richard James duringe his lyfe peace-
 ably to receyve the some of ffortie shilling^e And as concerninge the
 good disposi^{ti}on of the teythes before recyted imprimis I give all the
 teythe corne wthin Ranowe aforesayd (except as ys before excepted)
 to Richard Jackson my s^rvunte duringe his lyfe so as the sayd
 Richard Jackson shall be ready to assist and helpe the sayd Rauffe
 E. and Richard E. as often as need shall requyre for the gatheringe
 and collectinge of the residue of the teythes and to forsee as much
 as in him lyeth that there be not any deceit used toward^e them
 conc²ninge the same and that the sayd Richard Jackson doe become
 bounden wth sufficient suerty in the some of threescore pownde for
 the yearely rent of six pownde duringe [his] naturall lyfe to the sayd
 Rauffe E. and Richard E. and yf the sayd Richard Jackson refuse to
 become bounden then this devyse shalbe voyde Ytt ys my mynde
 that the sayd Rauffe E. esquier Richard E. and the sayd Rauffe E.
 the yonger shall yearely duringe their lyves bestowe at the feast^e
 of th'annu^{ci}ati^on of the Blessed Mary the Virgin and S^t Mychaell
 th'archangell by even porcions amongst the poorest inh^{ab}itant^e and
 housholders of the sevall pishes hereafter men^{ti}onedd the sevall somes
 of money sett downe as followeth viz. to the poorest inh^{ab}itant^e and
 housholders wthin the pish^e of Prestbury Astbury and Bunbury [to

each parish] fyve pownde To the poore wthin the towne of Houlte in the countie of Denbigh in the pishe of Eccleston in the towne and pishe of Torpurley Malpas Acton and Tattenhall [each place] forty shillinge to be distributed so as no one poore pson of the townes and pishes aforesayd shall receyve above vj^s viij^d in any one yeare wthout fraude or covyn Further the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. shall distribute not onely the yearely some of tenne pownde toward the p^{re}ferm educa^{ti}on and instruc^{ti}on of such poore children and orphante as shalbe thought apt and willinge to learne and take paynes as p^{re}ntices in manuall craft and occupa^{ti}ons but also other tenne pownde yearely for repa^{ci}ons of highwayes duringe the lyves of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. by the o^{ve}rsight of my sayd execu^{ti}on I requyre the sayd Rauffe E. esq^r &c. that they shall yearely receyve a true c^{er}tificate in wrytinge under the hande of the constables or ells of two honest housholders of ev^{er}y towne and village wherein the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. shall distribute any somes of money in w^{ch} sayd c^{er}tificate shalbe playnely sett downe aswell all the se^{ve}rall pticuler somes gevin to poore people and to the p^{re}ferm of poore children and orphante in manuall arte and occupa^{ti}ons and to the repa^{ci}on of high wayes as also the names and s^unames of ev^{er}y poore pson that shall receyve any of the sayd somes My mynde and harty request unto the sayd Rauffe E. esquier Richard E. and the sayd Rauffe E. the yonger ys that they doe pmitt my cosyn John Davenport of North Rode and Elizabeth his wyfe to have the tythes of Marton and Great Wythyngton for the rente as aforesayd for the terme of their three lyves I give to the sayd Richard E. six draught oxen tenne kyne all my implem^{ts} of husbandrye and all such corne w^{ch} shalbe remayninge in my barnes and gardners unspent after my fuhall be celebrated and my sealinge ringe wth the lyons pawe and sword To my sonne Thomas Leigh esquier one hundred pownde Yf the sayd Thom^s Leigh esquier shall at any tyme after my deceasse hynder the execu^{ti}on of this my last will then noe some of

one hundred pownde shalbe payd to [him] nor any legacye by me given unto any of [his] children To the sayd Rauffe E. the yonger twenty pownde yearely for his lyfe To the sayd Thom̄s E. thrid sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier twenty pownde yearely during his lyfe To my cosyn S^r Uryan Leigh knight twenty pownde the lyfe of the sayd Thom̄s Leigh esquier To my welbeloved sonne S^r Thom̄s Egerton knight Lord Keep of the Great Seall of England one ringe of gould havinge therein a dyamond To my cosyn S^r Thom̄s Egerton knight his sonne twenty pownde To my cosyn John Egerton his other sonne one portague of gould To my cosyn Marye Leigh his doughter one portague of gould To my sonne in lawe Richard Brereton esquier threescore pownde and to my doughter Dorothy Brereton fforty pownde in money my best gowne and kyrtle and all other my apparell ringe and jewelle not before or hereafter by me given and disposed and one little cofer coved wth a seall skynne To Thom̄s Leigh and Edward L. yonger sonnes of the sayd Thom̄s Leigh esq^r twenty pownde a peece and to M^ygaret L. doughter of the sayd Thom̄s Leigh esquier fforty pownde To my cosyn Mary Hope twenty pownde To Rauffe Egerton my servūte iiij^{li} To my cosyn Mary Lawton one crucifix of gould my second gowne and kyrtle and my best peticoate To my cosyn Elizabeth Maysterson one ringe of gould having therein a saphyre and one portague of gould To my godsonne Roger Puleston esquier one portague of gould To my cosyn Thom̄s Wilbrah^m esquier one portague of gould To my cosyn Thomas Puleston one peece of gould in value xxx^s To my cosyn Rauffe Ravenscrofte one peece of gould in value xxx^s To my goddoughter Mawde Hope two ringe of gould the one havinge therein a turkesse and a flatt hoope of gould three pownde in money and my thrid gowne and kirtle To evy one of my worke servūnt^e and others of my ſvūnt^e aswell women as men not by me holpen or p^rferred to some stay of lyvinge and such as to whom I have not given any legacye evy one of them one whole

yeares wages To evy one of my 3vñnte women two smocke a
 peece and all my night gownes cloth gownes and such other of my
 apparell as my sayd daughter Dorothe Brereton shall thinck fitt for
 their wearinge To my cosyn Elizabeth Dutton one portague of
 gould To my cosyn Elizabeth Egerton daughter of the sayd Rauffe
 E. esquier one cheyne of gould and a crucifix of gould sett wth stones
 To my neece Elizabeth Grosvenor one crucifix of gould and tenne
 pownde in money To my cosyn Amye Bellott my sealinge ringe
 wth the buck and the hounde yssuyng forthe of the hollyn bushe
 To my cosyn ffrances Grosvenor one portague of gould and to my
 cosyn Alice Haughton fyve pownde To my cosyn Mary Rope my
 best French hood wth the upper billym and the cornett To my
 cosyn Laurence Rope one dubble duckett To my very loveinge
 cosyns Dame Katherin Trevor and Jane Edwarde one ringe a peece
 To my 3vñnte Laurence Hyde twenty pownde To Humphrey
 Rydgway foure pownde yf he be in my 3vice at the tyme of my
 death To James Pova xx^s To John Greene th'elder xx^s My will
 ys that all such legacies as I have given to any of my 3vñnte shalbe
 payd unto them wthin one quarter of a yeare next after my death
 All the rest and residue of my goodde and chattelles &c. I give &c. to
 my sayd sonne Rauffe E. esquier under this condiçon that the sayd
 Rauffe E. esquier shall suffer my executo^r to take a true and pfect
 inventory of all my plate houshold stuff &c. and the same to cause
 to be reasonably valued charginge my sayd sonne Rauffe E. esquier
 to leave at the tyme of his deceasse such and so much of the sayd
 goodde or other of the like goodnes or in defaulte the value thereof
 as the sayd Rauffe E. esquier shall receyve by vertue of this my last
 will to the sayd Richard E. And further my sayd executo^r shall
 wthin one quarter of a yeare next after my deceasse take one true
 inventory of all my plate houshold stuff &c. and the same to be
 reasonably valued and a true copy thereof whereof the one pte to
 remayne wth my sayd executo^r and th'other pte to give unto the

sayd Richard E. To my cosyn Mary Bentley one ringe of gould
 To my cosyn Elizabeth Sutton one ringe of gould And fynallye I
 constitute the right honorable and my welbeloved sonne S^r Thom̄s
 Egerton knight Lord Keep of the Great Seall of England my wel-
 beloved cosyn S^r Thomas Egerton knight my welbeloved cosyn and
 godsonne Roger Puleston esquier and my very loving cosyns Thom̄s
 Puleston and Thom̄s Rode gentlemen my true and lawfull executors
 and my welbeloved cosyns Rauffe Ravenscrofte and Rauffe Egerton
 of Bettley esquiers supvisors hartely prayinge even for Chrystes sake
 all of their paynes therein and to see the same fully &c. In wytnesse
 whereof to this my p̄sent last will and testam^t I the sayd Dame
 Mary E. have putt to my seall and subscribed my name wth myne
 awne hand the day and yeare first above wrytten.

Marye Egerton.

M^d that this p̄sent last will and testament of Dame Mary E. late
 of Ridley widdowe was sealed and subscribed by the sayd Dame
 Marye and by her acknowledged affirmed and published to be her
 last will and testament the xvijth day of October in the xxxj^xth
 yeare of the reigne of o^r soveigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of
 God &c. in the p̄sence of these p̄sons whose names are subscribed
 Ed. Bellott Thomas Rode John Bellott John Henshawe Ro^g
 Thwellyn.

M^d that this will was deliv^d unto Rauffe E. of Rydley in the
 county of Chester esq^r by Dame Mary E. of Astbury widdowe and
 by her acknowledged to be her last will and testament the 12 Jan^y
 1598 (1598-9) in the p̄sence of Tho. Egerton Jo. Egerton John
 Davenport Henry Wood.

A pti^{cl}er inventory of all the goodes chattell^e &c. of the Lady
 Mary Egerton widowe deceassed pray^sed at Astbury the ffourth day
 of May 1599 Inprimis her wearinge apparell and jewelle^e Cxxxij^{li}
 vj^s viij^d — a lease of the rectory of Astbury DC^lxvj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — a

lease of certeyn medowes and pastures in Newlington in the county of Denbigh CCC^{li} — a lease of certeyn teñtē and landē called the Nunheyes xx^{li} — a lease of certeyn ground in Astbury taken of Mr Somforde xx^{li} — a lease of a medowe in Astbury aforesayd taken of Mr Llundon xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — viij draught oxen xlvij^{li} — xij kyne and one heffer xxxij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — iiij nage xij^{li} — lx ould sheepe and foure lambes xvij^{li} xiiij^s — xv big swyne and xv shoutē xij^{li} xvij^s vj^d — pulleyn xx^s — corne in the garn^{re} and unthrashed lxiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d corne on the ground xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — instrum^{ts} of husbandrye x^{li} — boardē stoole carpettē quishions hangingē and other ffurniture of the dyninge chamber x^{li} — beddinge wth bedstockē chestē trunckē hangingē and other furniture of the chambers lxxij^{li} x^s — napery or lynnens xxij^{li} xj^s ij^d — brasse pottē and pannes wth broaches dreepinge pannes grates rackē and other kytchin stuffe xij^{li} xv^s x^d — the brewinge lead iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — pewter x^{li} xv^d — candlestickē xxx^s viij^d — treen ware in the bruehouse and dayhouse vij^{li} viij^s v^d — treen ware in the buttry kytchin pastry and larder xlv^s iiij^d — tables benches fformes and other necessaries in the hall xx^s — hay iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — wooll xxxiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — in sperate and despate debtē D^{li} The like inventorye of div^{rs} goodes and cattellē of the sayd Lady Egerton remeyninge at the Cleyes in the pishe of Bunbury praysed the xjth day of May 1599 iiij mares j colte and vij nage xxvj^{li} — ij ffat oxen x^{li} — viij draught oxen xliij^{li} — a payre of ould bounden wheles iiij^s iiij^d — all her plate brought to Rydley and there weighed by John Lyngley gouldsmyth as by a note thereof appeareth and valued to Cxxxvij^{li} iiij^s S^m tota^l MMCClx^{li} viij^s ij^d.

THE WILL OF ANNE BROUGHTON OF
SHOCKLACH, WIDOW.¹

IN the name &c. 27 June 1583 I Anne Broughton of the pishē of Shocklach in the countie of Chester wydowe acknowledge my selfe mortale and that I am borne to dye &c. make this my last will &c. ffyrst I comēde my soule &c. and to be buryed (if God shall so appoynt) within the pishē churchē or chaunsell of Shocklach I geve unto my sonne ffrauncis B. tenne pownde to be payd unto him by my executors hereafter named in one severall payment within one whole yere next ensuyngē after my decease To my sonne John B. twentye pownde to be payd unto him within two whole yeres next ensuyngē after my decease at two severall paymentē orderly To my sonne Homfray B. ten pownde to be lykewisse payd unto him in two severall paymentē To my daughter Jane Lloyd my best sylver salt a sylver goblet a beere cupp of sylver a dozen of sylver sponnes my great brasse panne and my best sute of apparel To my daughter Marget Yonge a beere cup of sylver halfe a dozen of syl^v sponnes and my seconnde sute of apparell To my sister Maude fortie shillingē yerely duringe three whole yeres next ensuyngē after my decease To Morgan Broughton the sonne of Edward B. late of Shocklach pish deceased the bedsteed in the parler w^t the waynescote and glasse in and about the sayd parler w^t all y^e rest of the glasse in and about the housse and chambers and houtes of office in what place soever together w^t the brewinge panne set now in the fornesse in the brewinge housse w^t the clocke and the bell and all other thingē belongingē to the sayd clocke and also the boat w^{ch} is uppō the ryver Dee All the rest of my houshold stuffe as beddinge brasse and pewter with other implementē of

¹ Proved June 11, 1588. Buried at Shocklach, 6th June, 1588.

houshold except the great brasse pottle I geve &c. unto my two daughters Marget Yonge and Jane Lloyd to be equally devided betwixt them To my sonne in law Wiſſm Lloyd my best iron bounde wayne w^t the yokes and chaynes and all other implemente belonging to the same To my sonne in lawe Thomas Yonge my other iron bounde wayne w^t the yooke and chaynes belonging to the same To my brother Richard ap Richard three pounde I geve &c. towarde the reparacōn of Shocklach church x^s and xxth shyllynge to be distributed devyded and geven amongst the poore folke of Shocklach p^{ar}ishe accordinge to the discretion of myne executour To Robt Downes¹ clerke now curat of Shocklach on angell of golde To evychone of my sonnes and sonnes in lawe a mourninge clooke of blacke cloath and to my brother Richard ap Richard a mourninge clooke and to my daughters Marget Yonge and Jane Lloyd to either of them a mourninge gowne and to my sisters Maude and Kathren to either of them a mourninge gowne To my cosyn Jane Yardley the wiffe of John Y. of Calcot and to my cosyn Elizabeth Pova the wiffe of John P. to either of thē an angell of gold to make thē either a ryng for remēbrance To twelve poore folke of my neighbours xij frize gownes To Marget and Anne Lloyd my cosyns to either of them one heifer To Anne Jane and Elnor Yonge the daughters of my sonne in lawe Thomas Y. to ether of them one heifer The rest of all my goodē &c. I geve unto my sonne Valentine B. and I make him my executoure I nominate &c. Wiſſm Lloyd and Thomas Yonge my sonnes in law my brother Richard ap Richard and my sonne Francis to be overseers &c. Thesse beyng wytenes Davyd Lloyd drap John fytton and Robt Downes clerke w^t others.

¹ He became incumbent of Shocklach in 1575, and was buried there 7th October, 1638, aged 86 years.—*Shocklach Parish Register*.

THE WILL OF SIR ROBERT THORPE,
CLERK.¹

IN Dei &c. The jx day of Julii m^oxlviijth I Sir Roberte Thorppe clarke of p^{er}fyte mynde &c. firste I bequeste my soule to Almyghtye God and to o^r blyssed lady Sanct Marye and to all the courte of hevyn and my body to be buried wthin the quere and I will give to the church^e p^{er}fette vj^s viij^d I give to S^r Richarde Hall my surplesse To S^r Rob^t Kereby one bonet one tyyppet and iij^s iiij^d To S^r Jhon Poyde one bonet one tyyppet and iij^s iiij^d To S^r Wi^llm Styll my sil^{ver} spectacles and my wood knyffe To S^r Jhon le Wet the Dane my beste bonet To Jane Wyghtmā my sist^{er} my shorte gowne and vj^s viij^d To Wi^llm Wyghtmā and Bartylmew Wyghtmā ether off them iij^s iiij^d To Esabell Wyghtmā and to Agnes Wyghtmā ether of them v^s To Mawde Wyghtmā iij^s iiij^d To Jhon Wyghtmā v^s To Rob^t Peirson Kateryne Peirson Agnes Peirson and Jane Peirson to ev^{er}y one of them x^s for there chyl^dys portions and I will y^t this money y^t I haue givyn unto Jhon Peirson chyl^dryn be in custodye of y^e hand^e of my sup^{er}visors unto y^e tyme y^t they thynke it p^{ro}fitable unto them To Wi^llm Reidheid and Jhon Reidheid ether of them iij^s iiij^d To Alyson Reidheid vj^s viij^d To my Lady Pores and hir two sister^e ev^{er}y one of theme xij^d To Jhon Brymley vj^s viij^d To Dame Barbara Br^yley my sist^{er} v^s and one tache To my sist^{er} Gybson v^s and one tache To Thomas Gybson my sil^{ver} whyssyll To Dorethe Thorppe iij^s iiij^d To X^pofere Pēk^{et} my servande his halfe yere wayges his brydyll and his sadle my boott^e and my spurres and xj^s in money and my worsset doblet

¹ No date of probate, but the inventory is dated September 12, 1547. In it are the following items: — "His purse and his belte and x^s viij^d in y^t and iij^s gownes xxx^s two jacketts ij^s pare of hoysses two doblet^e iij^s bonett^e one ridynge hatt thre tyyppet^e wth a welwet hoyde xviiij^s."

To Xpofere Cowp pysche clarke one dowblet of fustian slevyd wth worsset one shavyng ewer my honestone and all rasors I will y^t iiij preist^e shall bere me to the churche wth iiij surpleses and evy one of them to have xij^d I will that there be spent at y^e day of my buryall xl^s I give x^s to y^e powreste folk^e wthin Kyrkeby Moresheid and it to be delivered to y^e churche wardens hand^e and they to dystribute it when they shall thynke it necessarye To S^r Jhon Poyde ij^s and he to give it to the powreste folk^e wthin his pishyng To S^r Rob Kereby ij^s and he to give it to y^e powreste folk^e wthin his pishyng I will y^t y^e vicar of Salton be one of my supvisors and I give him for his peanes takyng my beste typpet I will y^t Nicholas Bulloke be another supvisor and I give hym for his peanes takyng my beste jacket my brydle and my sadle my foxe furr skynnes and y^e two greit lawndyron^e y^t standythe in my chymley and I will y^t aft^r his dethe that Lawnoe Bulloke haue them to hym and his heres The resydew of all my gudde I give to Wiſſm Reidheid my brother and to Elsabeth^e my sist^r his wyffe whome I make my executor^e Witnesses hereoff Sir Jhon Blakket S^r Richarde Hall Thomas Sulbye Roberte Berye wth other.

THE WILL OF FRANCIS WARREN, OF
PRESTBURY.¹

Anno Dñi 1593 the xxvth day of October.

IN the name &c. I ffrances Warren of Presburie bothe sicke in body nevertheles of pfect memorie thank^e bee given &c. Where I have heretofore made a conveyance of my landes to my cosin John Warren of Poynton Esq^r and his heires wth dyverse remaynders over my desyre is to my now cosin M^r Edward Warren Esq^r as in the liefte tyme of

¹ Proved May 6, 1594.

his father I requested his saied father that hee would redeliuⁿ backe the saied conveyance and that if ytt would please him soe to doe then if ytt please God to call mee to his mercy that my wiefe shall have all my landes dueringe her liefe and after her decease my will is that my saied lande &c. should descend to ffrance Hollinshead sonne of Edward H. of Bosley deceased and to [his] heires &c. and then my wiefe to bee discharged of that some of xlv^{li} w^{ch} was left unto him by his father w^{ch} I am indebted to pay and for want of issue &c. then to my cosin Robert Ryley and his heires and for want &c. then to Wilm Newton of ffulshaw and his heires My will is to have a mariage solempnized bestweene one of the daughters of my cosin Robert Ryleis and the saied ffrance if my saied cosin Ryley will yeeld and alowe soe much monney in mariage wth his daughter to the saied ffrance as the ovsceers of this my last will shall reasonable appoynt I give unto Sr Edward fitton knight and my lady tow angells of gold To my brother in law John Henshaw my grissell mare alowinge my wiefe five markes in money To evy of my executors (exceptinge my wiefe) vj^s viij^d a peece for their paines to bee taken abowte the pbat of this my will To Reynold Hollingshead one blacke stirke one dublett of canvas one medley jerkin one paire of nether stocke and one paire of shooes To Raphe Gee my servant one dublett of millian fustian one jerkin and one paire of nether stocke To Anne Clarke my servant one ewe lambe To Isabell Hollinshead one pyte heffer w^{ch} is wth calve To ffrances Hollinshead and brother to the saied Isabell one blacke ewe To ffrances Hollinshead my god sonne one blacke heffer and to the rest of my god children xij^d a peece To Lawrance Plante one paire of greene boote hose one paire of nether stocke To Raphe Newton one paire of boote and a paire of spurres To Ales Gee wief to Raphe G. iiij^s To John Dey my sword girdle I give three bushells of barlie to the poore of wthin the pishes of Presburie and Alderley to bee given by the discreaⁿ of my executors To Jeanne Jackson wief to

Raphe J. of Alderley fryse to make her a gowne of To Anne Damporte ij^s To Edward Houghe one Spanish jerkin The rest of my goodē my debtē fuñball and legacies discharged I give to my wiefē Lastly I ordeyne and make Anne Warren my wiefē Hugh Hollinshead of Heywood Robte Whythall of the Shourpecliffe and Robert Ryley of Chorley executors of this my last will and ovsceers S^r Edward fitton knight and M^r John Henshaw of Lockwood my brother in law In wittnes &c. ffANCES Warren his marke Wittnesses to this will Edward Hollinshed John Dey Wittm Holland Reynold Hollinshed and Raphe Newton.

THE WILL OF PETER STANLEY OF
MOORE HALL, ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The 20 October 1589 I Peter Stanley of Moore Hall in the county of Lan^c Esquire consydering the certeynety of deathe &c. My body I commend to Christian buriall I bequeathe to Jane now my wife the one halfe of all my goodē and cattells all her apparell furniture and all her ringē and jewells what soev^r w^{ch} [she] hathe usually used and worne and tow bedsteedē or bed cases w^{ch} are now in the chamber wherein the sayde Peter doth ordinary lye To Katherin wief of Edwarde Stanley² my eldest sonne

¹ Proved 7th August 1592. Peter, second son of Sir William Stanley of Hooton co. Cest. Knt. by Anne, daughter and coheiress of Sir James Harrington of Woolfage co. Northampton, married first Elizabeth daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick by Margaret daughter and heiress of Thomas Atherton of Bickerstaffe Esq., and secondly Cicely daughter of Richard Tarleton. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 230, *Suffield MSS.*

² Edward, the testator's eldest son, married first Katherine daughter of Lawrence (or William) Ireland of Lydiat Esq., by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Elizabeth. He married secondly Elizabeth daughter of Leonard Hoghton of Spinagh, and left a son and heir Peter Stanley of Moore Hall, aged 68 at the Visitation in 1665. — *Suffield MSS.*

tow bedsteede and all furniture of beddinge belonginge to the same w^{ch} nowe are in the chamber wherein the sayde Katherin doth use to lie To my sayde sonne Edwarde S. all my standinge bedsteedes in Moore Hall aforesayde and all my implemente and furniture for husbandrie and one cheste in the great chamber in More Hall and all armour and furniture [for] warrs and one great stone used for p̄servacō of swine meat To Anne Blundevell my daughter my red silke curtens To Katherin Urnестon my daughter my greene seye curtens To Jane Stanley daughter of the sayde Edward S. one incalfe heyffer. To Elizabeth S. sister of the saide Jane one incalfe heffer To Alice Sutton and Margaret her sister tow incalfe heffer equally to bee devided And all the rest of my goodē and cattells not before bequeathed I give &c. to Margaret Stanley my daughter wiefē of Henry S. Esquier¹ and to Williā S. my second sonne equallye to be devyded ffurther I make &c. Randolph Maynwaringe of Over Pever Esq^r and Edmundē Trafford sonne and heire apparent of S^r Edmundē T. knight [my] executors &c. I make S^r Rowland [Stanley of] Houlton knight [The rest of the will is decayed.]

In the inventory the testator is said to be of Morehall and Bycarstafe.

¹ Henry, son of Sir James Stanley of Cross Hall Knt., by Anne daughter of Sir Percival Hart of Lullingston co. Kent Knt., married Margaret daughter of the testator by his first wife Elizabeth daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick of Bickerstaff Esq. See Henry Stanley's will, p. 95 *supra*.

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